

# List of Prepositions

You think you don't need a **list of prepositions**? Would you know a preposition if you met one?

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English speakers **use prepositions** in both formal and everyday communication. Without them, the English language would sound short and choppy. If you have a child starting grammar lessons, read through the list of prepositions and take a quick refresher class on prepositions.

**Prepositions** connect nouns, pronouns, and phrases with other words in a sentence. It gives information about location, direction, space, or time. Prepositions are usually part of a phrase because they often have a noun or pronoun after them. Here are two examples of prepositions in sentences.

The dog jumped **over** the fence.

I will go **to** the doctor.

The main job of prepositions is to create relationships between words. How is the dog related to the fence? It jumped over the fence. How am I related to the doctor? I am going to the doctor

**Prepositional phrases** can also act like adverbs or adjectives. Remember that adverbs describe verbs (actions and being), and adjectives describe nouns and pronouns (ideas, people, places, and things).

As an adverb - The children crossed the street with caution.

The prepositional phrase "*with caution*" describes the way the children crossed the street.

As an adjective - He lives in the house with the red roof.

The prepositional phrase "*with the red roof*" describes the house in a specific way.

Children will see prepositions in their early reader books. In Kindergarten and first grade, children are focused on word recognition and reading skills. Basic sentence structure is taught, but it is too early for children that young to learn parts of speech. Below is a list of prepositions new readers can recognize easily:

## List of Basic Prepositions

as

at

but

by

down

for

from

in

into

like

near

next

of  
off  
on  
onto  
out  
over  
past  
plus  
minus  
since  
than  
to  
up  
with

As children develop their reading skills, they will learn the spelling and definitions of more complex words. They are introduced to prepositions and other parts of speech between the second and fourth grade. The following list shows some more advanced prepositions:

## List of Advanced Prepositions

aboard  
about  
above  
across  
after  
against  
along  
around  
before  
behind  
below  
beneath  
beside  
between  
beyond  
during  
except  
following  
inside  
minus  
onto  
opposite  
outside  
round  
since

through  
toward  
under  
underneath  
unlike  
until  
upon  
without

Older elementary and middle school students are exposed to a variety of prepositions. This includes compound words and single words used in complex sentences.

according to  
along with  
alongside  
among  
apart from  
as for  
atop  
because of  
by means of  
concerning  
despite  
except for  
in addition to  
in back of  
in case of  
in front of  
in place of  
in spite of  
instead of  
on top of  
out of  
regarding  
throughout  
till  
up to  
via  
within  
worth

Of course, the English language is full of exceptions. Some prepositions seem to break the rules, yet make sense in everyday language. These are called idioms. A few common examples include the following:

## List of Idioms

according to  
capable of

familiar with  
impatient with  
rewarded for  
superior to

Prepositions are not always easy to identify in spoken and written language. However, they play a big part in making the English language colorful and interesting. Use this list of prepositions as a quick guide to help your student learn about prepositions.

## List of the Most Common Prepositions

### **A**

aboard  
about  
above  
absent  
across  
after  
against  
along  
alongside  
amid  
amidst  
among  
anti  
around  
as  
at  
atop

### **B**

bar  
barring  
before  
behind  
below  
beneath  
beside  
besides  
between  
beyond  
but  
by

**C**

circa  
counting  
concerning  
considering

**D**

despite  
down  
during

**E**

except  
excepting  
excluding

**F**

following  
for  
from

**G**

given  
gone

**I**

in  
in front of  
inside  
instead of  
into

**L**

less  
like

**M**

mid

minus

**N**

near

next

**O**

of

off

on

on top of

onto

opposite

out of

outside

over

**P**

past

pending

per

plus

pro

**R**

regarding

regardless of

round

**S**

save

saving

since

**T**

than

through

throughout

till

times

to  
toward  
towards

### **U**

under  
underneath  
unlike  
until  
up  
upon

### **V**

versus  
via

### **W**

with  
within  
without  
worth

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List of Nouns

List of Adverbs

List Of Adjectives