

### A list of common prepositions:

above	down	since	according to
across	during	through	because of
after*	except	throughout	by way of
against	for	to	in addition to
among	from	toward	in front of
around	in	under	in place of
at	inside	until*	in regard to
before*	into	up	in spite of
behind	like	upon	instead of
below	near	with	on account of
beneath	of	without	out of
beside	off		
besides	on		
between	out		
beyond	outside		
by	over		

### What is a Preposition?

A **preposition** links [nouns](#), [pronouns](#) and [phrases](#) to other words in a [sentence](#). The word or phrase that the preposition introduces is called the [object](#) of the preposition.

A preposition usually indicates the temporal, spatial or logical relationship of its object to the rest of the sentence as in the following examples:

- The book is **on** the table.
- The book is **beneath** the table.
- The book is leaning **against** the table.
- The book is **beside** the table.
- She held the book **over** the table.
- She read the book **during** class.

In each of the preceding sentences, a preposition locates the noun "book" in space or in time.

A [prepositional phrase](#) is made up of the preposition, its object and any associated [adjectives](#) or [adverbs](#). A prepositional phrase can function as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. The most common prepositions are "about," "above," "across," "after," "against," "along," "among," "around," "at," "before," "behind," "below," "beneath," "beside," "between," "beyond," "but," "by," "despite," "down," "during," "except," "for," "from," "in," "inside," "into," "like," "near," "of," "off," "on," "onto," "out," "outside," "over," "past," "since," "through," "throughout," "till," "to," "toward," "under," "underneath," "until," "up," "upon," "with," "within," and "without."