

# Prepositions

# Definition and function

- A preposition is a word used to show the relation of a noun or pronoun to some other word in the sentence.
- Prepositions are used to show where something is located or when something happened.



# Catalogue

- aboard      aside from despite      near      together      within
- About      at      down      of      with      without
- Above      away from during      off      through
- According to      back of      except      on      throughout
- Across      because of from      onto      till
- Across from      before in      opposite to
- After      behind      in front of      out      toward
- Against      below in place of      outside      under
- Along      beneath      inside      over      underneath
- Along side      beside inside of      past      until
- Along with      between      in spite of      prior to      unto
- Among      beyond      instead of      regarding up
- Apart from      but      into      round      upon
- Around      by      like      since      with

# Followed by a Noun

- A preposition is usually followed by a noun.
- It is never followed by a verb.
- By “nouns” we include:
  - » Proper nouns (dog, Chris)
  - » Pronouns (he, she, they)
  - » Noun group ( my first job)
  - » Gerund (swimming)



# Nouns and Prepositions

Prepositions are sometimes so firmly wedded to other words that they practically become one word. This occurs in three categories: nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

- I have a love for dogs.
- Chrissy has a Fondness for Beagles.
- Some people have a hatred towards dogs.
- I hope for a new puppy.
- He has an interest in dogs.



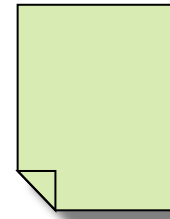
# Adjectives and Prepositions

- He looked afraid of swimming.
- He was fond of the lake.
- She is interested in swimming.
- She was sorry for splashing the people.
- She was tired of treading water.



# Verbs and Prepositions

- John apologized for his mistake.
- Matt had to ask for a pass back to class.
- I study for my Spanish test.  
Find out the truth.
- I work for a mean person.
- Look for my news paper please.

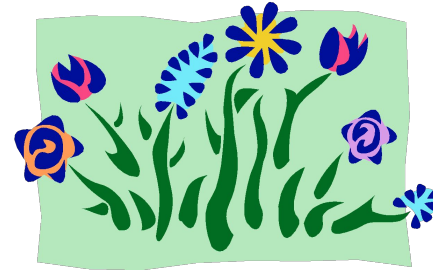


# Prepositions of Place

AT- for a point

IN- for an enclosed space

ON- for a surface



At

In

On

At the door

In the garden

On the wall

At the corner

In London

On the floor

At the top of the page

In my pocket

On the menu

At the entrance

In a building

On the door

At home

In a boat

On a train

At work

In a sky

On the radio



# Prepositions of Time

- AT- for a precise time
- IN- for months, years, centuries, and long periods
- On- for days and dates
- AT                      IN                      ON
- At noon                  In the summer                  On Sunday
- At the moment        In May                          On New year's Eve
- At 3 pm                  In the evening                  On my birthday



# Bad Habits

## Unnecessary Prepositions

We sometimes use prepositions in everyday speech when they are not needed.

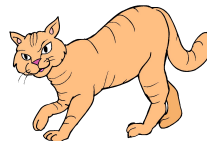
She met <sup>up with</sup> the new coach.

The book fell off <sup>of</sup> the desk.

Where did they go <sup>to</sup>?

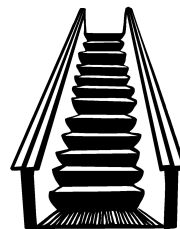
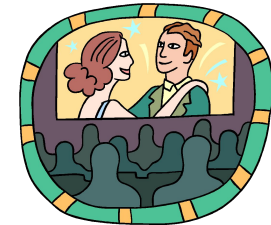
Where is the college <sup>at</sup>?

She wouldn't let the cat inside <sup>of</sup> the house.



# Prepositional Phrases

- A group of words including a preposition and a noun, pronoun or group of words used as a noun.
- Prepositions can be showed as adverbs, adjectives, and nouns
- Examples: Julie discovered a pile of books hidden under the staircase. Adverb function
- He is the actor in the movie. Adjective function
- Under the stairs is where he hides. Noun function (under the stairs is the subject of the sentence)



Prepositions

**The End**

UNTIL

OUT

THROUGH

ACROSS

AMONG

# Prepositions

DURING

BETWEEN

OVER

FROM

INTO

This presentation was prepared  
as a way to reinforce the use of  
prepositions in a student's writing.

# Where is Fido?



**Where is Fido?**



**Fido is \_\_\_\_\_ doghouse.**

**Write the answer on your paper.**



# Where is the house?



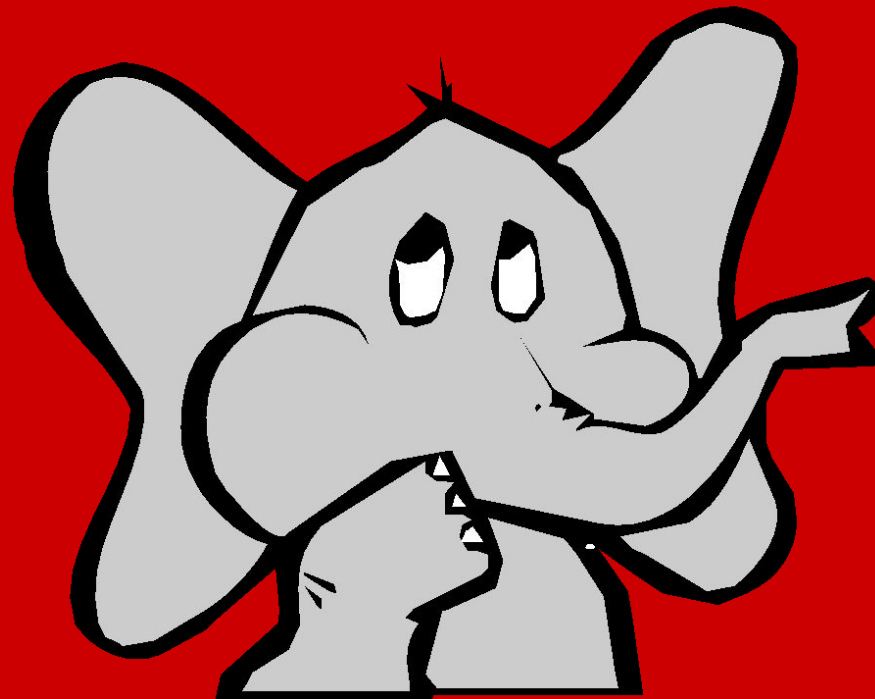
**Where is the house?**



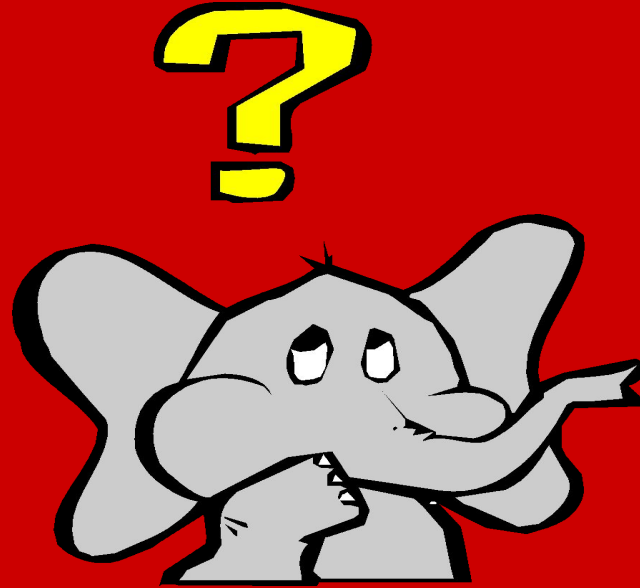
**The house is \_\_\_\_\_ hill.**

**Write the answer on your paper.**

**Where is the elephant?**



**Where is the elephant?**



**The elephant is \_\_\_\_\_  
question mark.**

**Write the answer on your paper.**

**Here comes the tricky part!!**

**Pay attention!!**

**You can do it!!**

Find the prepositions in the following sentences:  
Write your answers on your paper.

- 1) Do you like to play hide-and-go-seek?
- 2) My favorite place to hide is under the kitchen table.
- 3) If someone is already there, I usually try in the bathroom closet.
- 4) If there is not enough room in the closet, I will crawl under my bed.

**Which of the following words  
are *NOT* prepositions?**

**across**

**how**

**which**

**between**

**from**

**round**

**over**

**up**

**what**

**whenever**

**for**

**before**

Here is a list of commonly used prepositions:

**across**

**from**

**over**

**after**

**in**

**round**

**among**

**into**

**since**

**at**

**like**

**through**

**before**

**near**

**to**

**between**

**off**

**under**

**by**

**on**

**until**

**during**

**out**

**up**

**for**

**opposite**

**with**

**Make up 3 sentences on your own  
using a prepositional phrase in each!**



# THE END!!!



# GREAT JOB!!!