

# 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.



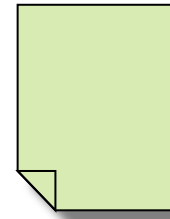
# Adjectives and Prepositions

- 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.

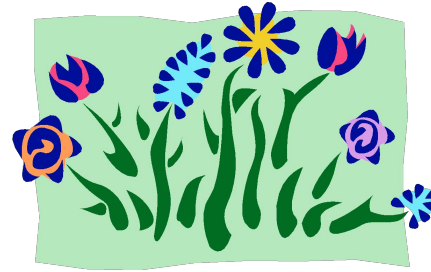


# Prepositions of Place

AT- for a point

IN- for an enclosed space

ON- for a surface



## At

At the door

At the corner

At the top of the page

At the entrance

At home

At work

## In

In the garden

In London

In my pocket

In a building

In a boat

In a sky

## On

On the wall

On the floor

On the menu

On the door

On a train

On the radio



# Prepositions of Time

- AT- for a precise time
  - IN- for months, years, centuries, and long periods
  - On- for days and dates
- | <u>AT</u>       | <u>IN</u>        | <u>ON</u>           |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| • 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.

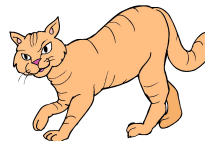
She met <sup>up with</sup> the new coach.

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

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

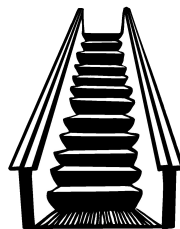
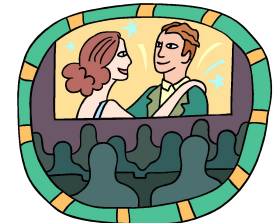
Where is the college <sup>at</sup>?

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?



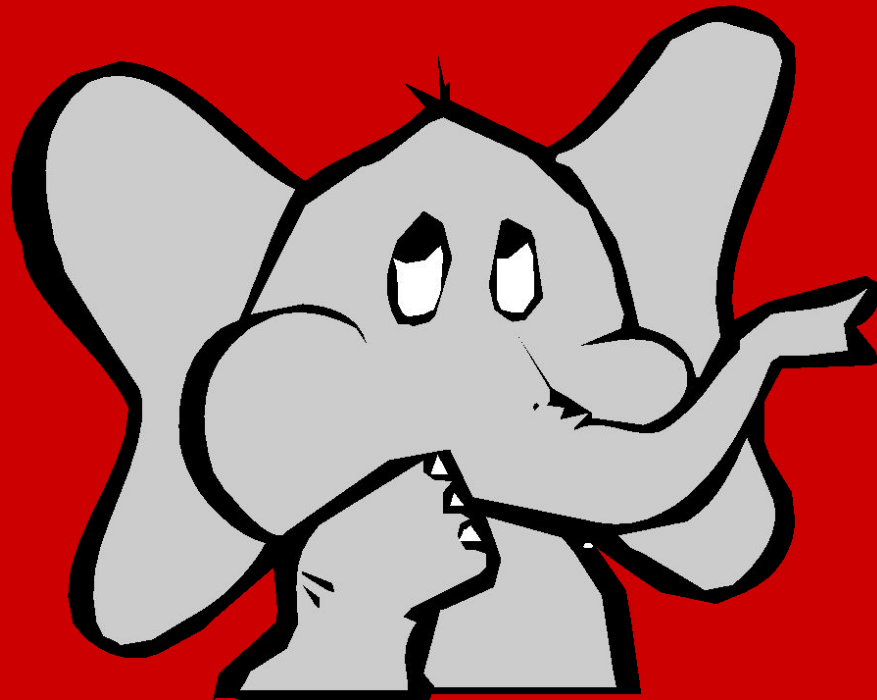
**Where is the house?**



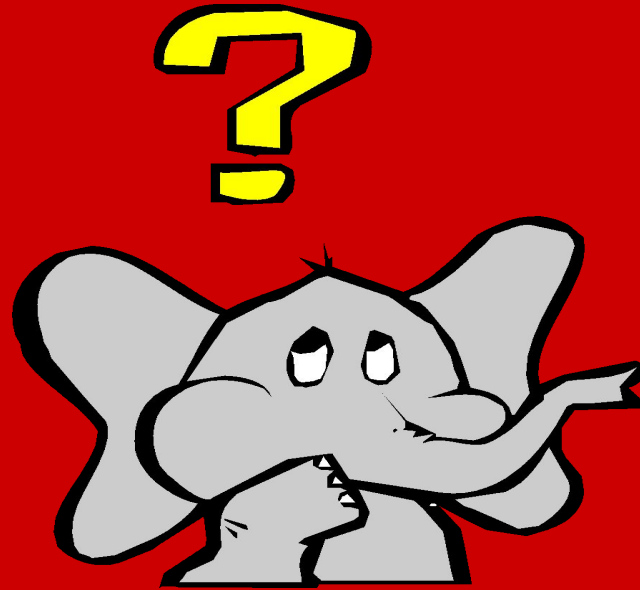
**The house is \_\_\_\_\_ hill.**

**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:

|                |                 |                |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>across</b>  | <b>from</b>     | <b>over</b>    |
| <b>after</b>   | <b>in</b>       | <b>round</b>   |
| <b>among</b>   | <b>into</b>     | <b>since</b>   |
| <b>at</b>      | <b>like</b>     | <b>through</b> |
| <b>before</b>  | <b>near</b>     | <b>to</b>      |
| <b>between</b> | <b>off</b>      | <b>under</b>   |
| <b>by</b>      | <b>on</b>       | <b>until</b>   |
| <b>during</b>  | <b>out</b>      | <b>up</b>      |
| <b>for</b>     | <b>opposite</b> | <b>with</b>    |

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



# THE END!!!



# GREAT JOB!!!