

prepositions

A preposition is a word that relates a noun or pronoun that appears with it to another word in the sentence. It shows relationships between separate things, including location, direction, cause, and possession.

2 Kinds of Prepositions:

Simple Prepositions: Prepositions which consist of only **ONE** word. Ex: in, on, at, with, against

Compound Prepositions: Prepositions which consist of two or more words. Ex: instead of, in the middle, by the side of.

Examples:

- The deer was inside the room.
- He was underneath the light.
- He walked into the house.
- He arrived before the others.

Three Types of Prepositions

1. Place of prepositions – show **WHERE** something **HAPPENS**

- Sanny was sitting under a tree.
- There's a wooden floor underneath the carpet.
- Some geese flew over their house.

2. Time of prepositions – show **WHEN** something happens

- School starts at nine o'clock.
- We're going to the zoo on Saturday.
- It's past your bedtime already.
- I visited my grandparents during the summer.
- You must finish the work by Friday.

3. Direction of prepositions – show **WHERE** something is **GOING**

- The boys chased after each other.
- The football rolled down the hill.
- A man was walking his dog along the riverbank.
- The freeway goes right through the city.

Prepositional Phrases

A prepositional phrase is a group of words that includes a preposition and a noun or pronoun.

The noun or pronoun generally found after a preposition is called the object of the preposition.

Ex: The bird is above the chair. "Above" is the preposition and "above the chair" is the prepositional phrase.

What about the OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION?

It must be a noun or pronoun.

Always comes at the end of a prepositional phrase.

Ex: The cookies are in the oven. "Oven" is the noun that ends the prepositional phrase; therefore, "oven" is the object of the preposition.

Common compound prepositions

according to

instead of

ahead of

next to

because of

prior to

in addition to

apart from

in back of

In front of

Aside from

in place of

Common prepositions

across

from

over

during

after

in

round

by

on

until

among

into

since

out

at

like

opposite

before

near

to

up

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