

PREPOSITIONS

What are Prepositions?

- Prepositions indicate types of relationships in sentences, conveying place and time and adding clarity.

When do Prepositions Appear?

- We use prepositions when we are clarifying relationships with time.
 - Ex. She has an appointment **with** Dr. Jones **in** Marshall Hall **during** lunch.
- We also use prepositions to clarify where an object is spatially.
 - Ex. Where was the dog?
 - **On** the couch.
 - **Under** the table.
 - **Beside** the bed.
 - **Behind** the door.
 - Leaning **against** the wall.
 - Standing **over** the cat.
- Lastly, there are verbs that need prepositions to aid in their meaning.
 - Ex. He is standing **at** the door. Without **at**, we wouldn't understand the sentence: He is standing the door. Well, where is he? Is he at the door, behind the door, in front of the door?

Most Commonly Used Prepositions in English:

About	Below	Excepting	Off	Toward
Above	Beneath	For	On	Under
Across	Beside(s)	From	Onto	Underneath
After	Between	In	Out	Until
Against	Beyond	In front of	Outside	Up
Along	But	Inside	Over	Upon
Among	By	In spite of	Past	Up to
Around	Concerning	Instead of	Regarding	With
At	Despite	Into	Since	Within
Because of	Down	Like	Through	Without
Before	During	Near	Throughout	With regard to
Behind	Except	Of	To	With respect to

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