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.

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.

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**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.

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**Common compound prepositions**

- according to
- ahead of
- because of
- in addition to
- in back of
- Aside from
- instead of
- next to
- prior to
- apart from
- in front of
- in place of

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**Common prepositions**

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