

150 Everyday Uses of English Prepositions: A Comprehensive Guide for Native and Non-Native Speakers

Prepositions are essential words in English grammar, and they can be tricky to master for both native and non-native speakers. They are used to show the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence, and they can indicate location, time, direction, or other relationships.

There are many different prepositions in English, and each one has its own specific meaning and usage. Some of the most common prepositions include:

- **Of** - shows possession or relationship
- **To** - shows direction or purpose
- **From** - shows origin or starting point
- **At** - shows location or time
- **In** - shows location or time
- **On** - shows location or time
- **By** - shows means or agent
- **With** - shows accompaniment or instrument
- **For** - shows purpose or reason

The following list provides 150 everyday uses of English prepositions, with clear explanations and examples:



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1. Of

- **Possession:** The book is of my father.
- **Relationship:** The teacher is of great help to me.

2. To

- **Direction:** I am going to the store.
- **Purpose:** I came here to see you.

3. From

- **Origin:** I am from China.
- **Starting point:** I walked from the store to my house.

4. At

- **Location:** I am at the store.
- **Time:** I will meet you at 3 o'clock.

5. In

- **Location:** I am in the store.
- **Time:** I will be back in an hour.

6. On

- **Location:** I am on the bus.
- **Time:** I will see you on Friday.

7. By

- **Means:** I went to the store by car.
- **Agent:** The book was written by Shakespeare.

8. With

- **Accompaniment:** I went to the store with my friend.
- **Instrument:** I wrote the letter with a pen.

9. For

- **Purpose:** I bought the book for my son.

- **Reason:** I am here for you.

10. About

- **Topic:** We talked about the weather.
- **Approximation:** It is about 3 o'clock.

11. Above

- **Location:** The bird is above the tree.
- **Rank:** He is above me in the company.

12. Across

- **Location:** The bridge goes across the river.
- **Movement:** I walked across the street.

13. After

- **Time:** I will see you after the meeting.
- **Order:** He is after me in line.

14. Against

- **Opposition:** I am against the new law.
- **Contact:** The picture is leaning against the wall.

15. Along

- **Direction:** I walked along the beach.
- **Accompaniment:** I went to the store along with my friend.

16. Amid

- **Location:** The flowers are blooming amid the grass.
- **Surroundings:** He is amid a group of people.

17. Among

- **Location:** I am among the best students in the class.
- **Group:** The book is among the bestsellers.

18. Around

- **Location:** The cat is sleeping around the fireplace.
- **Movement:** I walked around the block.

19. As

- **Comparison:** He is as tall as me.
- **Role:** She works as a teacher.

20. At

- **Location:** I am at the store.
- **Time:** I will meet you at 3 o'clock.

21. Before

- **Time:** I will see you before the meeting.
- **Order:** He is before me in line.

22. Behind

- **Location:** The cat is sleeping behind the couch.
- **Position:** He is behind me in line.

23. Below

- **Location:** The bird is below the tree.
- **Rank:** He is below me in the company.

24. Beneath

- **Location:** The treasure is buried beneath the ground.
- **Rank:** He is beneath me in the company.

25. Beside

- **Location:** I am sitting beside my friend.
- **Proximity:** The store is beside the park.

26. Besides

- **In addition to:** I have two brothers besides my sister.

- **Apart from:** Besides the flowers, I also bought a vase.

27. Between

- **Location:** The table is between the two chairs.
- **Comparison:** He is between the two best students in the class.

28. Beyond

- **Location:** The mountain is beyond the forest.
- **Limits:** He is beyond my help.

29. By

- **Means:** I went to the store by car.
- **Agent:** The book was written by Shakespeare.

30. Concerning

- **Topic:** We talked concerning the weather.
- **Regarding:** I have a question concerning the new law.

31. Despite

- **Opposition:** Despite the rain, we went for a walk.
- **In spite of:** In spite of his illness, he came to work.

32. Down

- **Direction:** I walked down the street.
- **Position:** The cat is sleeping down on the floor.

33. During

- **Time:** I will be back during the day.
- **Event:** I met him during the party.

34. Except

- **Exclusion:** Everyone is invited except John.
- **Apart from:** I like all fruits except bananas.

35. For

- **Purpose:** I bought the book for my son.
- **Reason:** I am here for you.

36. From

- **Origin:** I am from China.
- **Starting point:** I walked from the store to my house.

37. In

- **Location:** I am in the store.
- **Time:** I will be back in an hour.

38. Inside

- **Location:** The cat is sleeping inside the box.
- **Interior:** The furniture



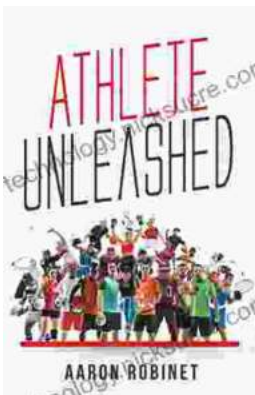
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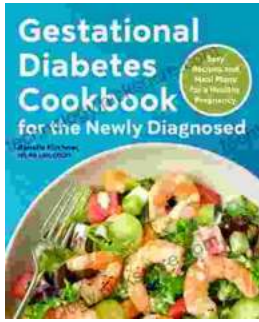
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