

Prepositions

What is a preposition? A preposition is a word that shows the *relationship* of one word in a sentence to another word. Prepositions tell location, direction, time, and the relationship:

1. Where someone or something is (location)

Ex: My car is parked **outside** my apartment.

2. Where someone or something is going (direction)

Ex: I am going **to** my car.

3. When something happens (time)

Ex: We couldn't enter the theater **until** 7: 45.

Ex: **During** the carnival, it started to rain.

4. How the person or thing is related to another word in the sentence (relationship)

Ex: Sasha went to the party **with** Shane.

Ex: This wonderful book was written **by** Mark Twain.

A list of one-word prepositions:

aboard	below	in	since
about	beneath	inside	through
above	beside	into	throughout
across	besides	like	to
after	between	near	toward
against	beyond	of	under
along	but	off	underneath
alongside	by	on	until
among	despite	onto	up
around	down	out	upon
as	during	outside	with
at	except	over	within
before	for	past	without
behind	from	round	

Compound prepositions occur when two or more words work together to show a relationship, such as *according to*, *ahead of*, *with the exception of*, *due to*, *in regard to*, *except for*, *in front of*, and others.