**List of Common Prepositions**

| preposition | definition | example |
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| across | from one side to another | He threw a pen across the classroom. |
| ago | from a specific point in time until the present time | I told you a few minutes ago. |
| after | a later time than something else | After the film, we’ll go to bed. |
| against | in contact with | Don’t lean against the wet paint. |
| along | from one end to another | We walked along the beach. |
| alongside | close to | He was sitting alongside Katherine. |
| among | surrounded by | David was among the guilty. |
| amongst | surrounded by | He was amongst the best in the school. |
| around | in a loop | We walked around the shop for hours. |
| before | earlier than something elsein front of | Eat your dinner before you play on the games console.He sat before the judge. |
| behind | at the back of | I’ll sit behind you. |
| below | in a lower position | It is going to be below zero tonight. |
| beneath | under | Your book is beneath the magazine. |
| beside | close to | I do like to be beside the seaside. |
| between | in the space separating two things | I’ll sit between you and Mike. |
| beyond | further than | Look beyond the horizon. |
| by | no later thanclose to | Be home by 12 or else.You can stand by me. |
| down | from a higher to a lower point | The card tower fell down. |
| during | throughout the duration of something | Hannah was bullied during secondary school. |
| for | over a period of time | I’ve been unhappy for years. |
| from | a starting point | We’ll start from the very beginning. |
| inside | the inner part | Everyone get inside, it’s starting to rain. |
| into | movement to the inside | He jumped into the swimming pool. |
| near | close to | I live near Sammi. |
| off | from a place | Get this bug off my arm. |
| onto | movement to a surface | The cat jumped onto the table. |
| opposite | facing something else | I live opposite the library |
| outside | not enclosed/in the open | My pet rabbit lives outside. |
| out of | from the inside to the outside | Get out of my bedroom. |
| over | in an above position  | The cat jumped over the fence. |
| past | beyond | Turn around, you’ve driven past my house. |
| since | from a specific point in time until the present time | I’ve been driving since 1990. |
| through | from one end to another | We went through a tunnel. |
| to | in the direction of | Walk to George street, I’ll meet you there. |
| toward(s) | move closer to | Head towards the town centre. |
| under | a lower position | The dog is hiding under my bed. |
| underneath | beneath | I found my phone underneath the sofa. |
| until/till | up to a certain point in time | You can stay up till midnight. |
| up | from a lower to a higher point | Walk up the hill and turn left. |
| with | accompanied by | I’m going with Sally. |
| within | inside | Keep that piece of information within these four walls. |
| without | lacking something | I drink coffee without sugar. |