

Prepositions – Time

English on	Usagedays of the week	Example • on Monday
• in	 months / seasons time of day year after a certain period of time (when?) 	 in August / in winter in the morning in 2006 in an hour
• at	 for night for weekend a certain point of time (when?) 	at nightat the weekendat half past nine
• since	• from a certain point of time (past till now)	• since 1980
• for	• over a certain period of time (past till now)	• for 2 years
• ago	• a certain time in the past	• 2 years ago
• before	• earlier than a certain point of time	• before 2004
• to	• telling the time	• ten to six (5:50)
• past	• telling the time	• ten past six (6:10)
• to / till / until	 marking the beginning and end of a period of time 	• from Monday to/till Friday
• till / until	• in the sense of how long something is going to last	• He is on holiday until Friday.
• by	 in the sense of at the latest up to a certain time	 I will be back by 6 o'clock. By 11 o'clock, I had read five pages.



Prepositions – Place (Position and Direction)

English	Usage	Example
• in	 room, building, street, town, country book, paper etc. car, taxi picture, world 	 in the kitchen, in London in the book in the car, in a taxi in the picture, in the world
• at	 meaning next to, by an object for table for events place where you are to do something typical (watch a film, study, work) 	 at the door, at the station at the table at a concert, at the party at the cinema, at school, at work
• on	 attached for a place with a river being on a surface for a certain side (left, right) for a floor in a house for public transport for television, radio 	 the picture on the wall London lies on the Thames. on the table on the left on the first floor on the bus, on a plane on TV, on the radio
• by, next to, beside	 left or right of somebody or something 	• Jane is standing by / next to / beside the car.
• under	 on the ground, lower than (or covered by) something else 	• the bag is under the table
• below	 lower than something else but above ground 	• the fish are below the surface
• over	 covered by something else meaning <i>more than</i> getting to the other side (also <i>across</i>) overcoming an obstacle 	 put a jacket over your shirt over 16 years of age walk over the bridge climb over the wall

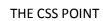




English	Usage	Example
• above	 higher than something else, but not directly over it 	• a path above the lake
• across	 getting to the other side (also <i>over</i>) getting to the other side	walk across the bridgeswim across the lake
• through	• something with limits on top, bottom and the sides	• drive through the tunnel
• to	 movement to person or building movement to a place or country for bed 	 go to the cinema go to London / Ireland go to bed
• into	• enter a room / a building	• go into the kitchen / the house
• towards	 movement in the direction of something (but not directly to it) 	• go 5 steps towards the house
• onto	 movement to the top of something 	• jump onto the table
• from	• in the sense of where from	• a flower from the garden

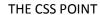
Other important Prepositions

English • from	Usagewho gave it	Example • a present from Jane
• of	who/what does it belong towhat does it show	a page of the bookthe picture of a palace
• by	• who made it	• a book by Mark Twain
• on	walking or riding on horsebackentering a public transport	 on foot, on horseback get on the bus





English	Usage vehicle	Example
 in off out of by at about 	entering a car / Taxi leaving a public transport vehicle leaving a car / Taxi rise or fall of something travelling (other than walking or horseriding) for age for topics, meaning what	 get in the car get off the train get out of the taxi prices have risen by 10 percent by car, by bus she learned Russian at 45 we were talking about you
	ne) for (something)	 call on (upon) care for compliment (someone) on come from consent to consist of convince (someone) of (something) decide on (upon) depend on (upon) get rid of hear about hear of insist on (upon)





- invite (someone) to
- laugh at
- listen for
- listen to
- look at
- look for
- look forward to
- object to
- plan on
- provide for
- provide with
- recover from
- remind (someone) of
- search for
- see about
- substitute for
- talk about
- talk of
- telephone to
- think about
- think of
- wait for
- wait on (meaning serve)
- Uses of Prepositions with Certain Adjectives and in Idiomatic Expressions
- · according to

- accustomed to
- angry about (something)
- capable of
- composed of
- content with
- dependent on (upon)
- different from (than)
- disappointed in
- due to
- followed by
- fond of
- have respect for
- in accordance with
- •
- angry at (someone)
- angry with (someone)
- based on
- independent of
- in regard to
- interested in
- limited to
- married to
- proud of
- related to
- resulting from
- similar to
- tired of