

Prepositions – Time

English	Usage	Example
• on	• days of the week	• on Monday
• in	• months / seasons • time of day • year • after a certain period of time (<i>when?</i>)	• in August / in winter • in the morning • in 2006 • in an hour
• at	• for <i>night</i> • for <i>weekend</i> • a certain point of time (<i>when?</i>)	• at night • at the weekend • at 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 <i>how long something is going to last</i>	• He is on holiday until Friday.
• by	• in the sense of <i>at the latest</i> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • room, building, street, town, country • book, paper etc. • car, taxi • picture, world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the kitchen, in London • in the book • in the car, in a taxi • in the picture, in the world
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meaning <i>next to</i>, <i>by an object</i> • for <i>table</i> • for events • place where you are to do something typical (watch a film, study, work) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the door, at the station • at the table • at a concert, at the party • at the cinema, at school, at work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>television, radio</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by, next to, beside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • left or right of somebody or something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane is standing by / next to / beside the car.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the ground, lower than (or covered by) something else 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the bag is under the table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lower than something else but above ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the fish are below the surface
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • covered by something else • meaning <i>more than</i> • getting to the other side (also <i>across</i>) • overcoming an obstacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 bridge • swim 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 <i>bed</i>	• 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 <i>where from</i>	• a flower from the garden

Other important Prepositions

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

English	Usage	Example
	vehicle	
• in	• entering a car / Taxi	• get in the car
• off	• leaving a public transport vehicle	• get off the train
• out of	• leaving a car / Taxi	• get out of the taxi
• by	• rise or fall of something • travelling (other than walking or horseriding)	• prices have risen by 10 percent • by car, by bus
• at	• for <i>age</i>	• she learned Russian at 45
• about	• for topics, meaning <i>what about</i>	• we were talking about you

• [Uses of Prepositions after Certain Verbs](#)

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| • account for | • call on (upon) |
| • agree on (something) | • care for |
| • agree with (someone) | • compliment (someone) on |
| • apologize to | • come from |
| • apply for | • consent to |
| • approve of | • consist of |
| • argue with (someone) | • convince (someone) of (something) |
| • ask for | • decide on (upon) |
| • believe in | • depend on (upon) |
| • belong to | • get rid of |
| • blame (someone) for (something) | • hear about |
| • blame (something) on (someone) | • hear from |
| • borrow from | • 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)
- 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

- [Uses of Prepositions with Certain Adjectives and in Idiomatic Expressions](#)

- according to