

Preposition - Time

English	Usage	Example
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • days of the week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on Monday
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • months / seasons • time of day • year • after a certain period of time (<i>when?</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in August / in winter • in the morning • in 2006 • in an hour
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for <i>night</i> • for <i>weekend</i> • a certain point of time (<i>when?</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at night • at the weekend • at half past nine
since	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from a certain point of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since 1980
for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over a certain period of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for 2 years
ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a certain time in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years ago
before	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • earlier than a certain point of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before 2004
to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ten to six (5:50)
past	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ten past six (6:10)
to / till / until	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • marking the beginning and end of a period of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Monday to/till Friday
till / until	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the sense of <i>how long something is going to last</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is on holiday until Friday.
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the sense of <i>at the latest</i> • up to a certain time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be back by 6 o'clock. • By 11 o'clock, I had read five pages.

Prepositions – Place (Position and Direction)

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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
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meaning <i>next to, 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
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attached • for a place with a river • being on a surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the picture on the wall • London lies on the Thames. • on the table

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • on the left • on the first floor • on the bus, on a plane • on TV, on the radio
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.
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
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
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
above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • higher than something else, but not directly over it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a path above the lake
across	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getting to the other side (also <i>over</i>) • getting to the other side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walk across the bridge • swim across the lake
through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • something with limits on top, bottom and the sides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drive through the tunnel
to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement to person or building • movement to a place or country • for <i>bed</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go to the cinema • go to London / Ireland • go to bed
into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enter a room / a building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go into the kitchen / the house
towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement in the direction of something (but not directly to it) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go 5 steps towards the house
onto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement to the top of something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jump onto the table
from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the sense of <i>where from</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a flower from the garden

Other important Prepositions

English	Usage	Example
from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who gave it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a present from Jane
of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who/what does it belong to • what does it show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a page of the book • the picture of a palace
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who made it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a book by Mark Twain
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walking or riding on horseback • entering a public transport vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on foot, on horseback • get on the bus
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • entering a car / Taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get in the car
off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leaving a public transport vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get off the train

out of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> leaving a car / Taxi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> get out of the taxi
by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rise or fall of something travelling (other than walking or horseriding) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prices have risen by 10 percent by car, by bus
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for <i>age</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she learned Russian at 45
about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for topics, meaning <i>what about</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> we were talking about you