

# Prepositions

1	aboard	on or onto a ship, plane, or train	They finally went aboard the plane.
2	about		1) Naturally, my mother wanted to know all about it. 2) She is upset about missing the party.
3	above		1) He had a bruise just above his left eye. 2) The great bird hovered high above our heads.
4	absent	without	Absent a definite refusal, I decided to proceed.
5	across		1) They ran straight across the road. 2) We gazed across the valley.
6	after		1) The first attack started just after midnight. 2) After you had called the police, what did you do?
7	against		1) Every council member voted against the proposal. 2) Mr. Howard has declared that he is against all forms of racism.
8	along		1) He slid his hand along her arm. 2) The palm trees along the shore swayed in the wind.
9	alongside	next to the side of something	Children's prices are shown alongside adult prices.
10	amid	1)while noisy, busy, or confused events are happening - used in writing or news reports 2) among or surrounded by things-literary-	1-1) The dollar has fallen in value amid rumors of weakness in the US economy. 1-2) Demonstrators ripped up the national flag amid shouts of 'Death to the tyrants!' 2-1) He sat amid the trees.
11	amidst	=amid	a light that shines amidst the darkness
12	among		1) She began rummaging among the books on her desk. 2) I could hear voices coming from somewhere among the bushes.
13	amongst	=among	
14	around		1) She wore a beautiful silk shawl around her shoulders. 2) The Romans built a defensive wall around the city.
15	as		1) His last album sold half a million copies and we hope this one will be just as (=equally) popular. 2) Some of the doctors are paid almost twice as much as the nurses.
16	aslant		
17	astride	1) with one leg on each side of something	1) a photograph of my mother sitting astride a horse 2) he ancient town of Bridgwater, astride the River

		2) on both sides of a river, road etc	Parrett, is an ideal touring centre.
18	at		1) I spent an unpleasant hour at the dentist's. 2) The matter was discussed at a meeting of the finance committee.
19	athwart	1) across: so as to be across or positioned crosswise over something 2) opposing: so as to oppose or obstruct something	Set a row of stones athwart the wall.
20	atop	on top of something-literary-	
21	barring	unless something happens	Barring a miracle, he won't walk again.
22	before		1) The new road should be completed before the end of the year. 2) We only got back from Scotland the day before yesterday.
23	behind		1) He hid behind a chair (NOT behind of a chair). 2) I wonder what's behind this change of plan.
24	below		1) I could hear voices in the courtyard below my window. 2) Test scores below 50 were classed as 'unsatisfactory'.
25	beneath		1) Some roofs collapsed beneath the weight of so much snow. 2) She acts as if even speaking to us is beneath her.
26	beside	2) in comparison with something or someone	1) I was standing right beside her at the time. 2) This year's sales figures don't look very good beside last year's results.
27	besides	in addition to someone or something else that you are mentioning	1) People choose jobs for other reasons besides money. 2) Besides being heartbroken, she felt foolish.
28	between	= in between	1) A lot of students spend a year abroad in between school and university. 2) The ball rolled between his feet.
29	beyond		1) Beyond the river, cattle were grazing. 2) More people are choosing to work beyond retirement age.
30	but		1) He was unable to swallow anything but liquids. 2) I could still see nothing but the spirals of desert dust.
31	by		1) We are all alarmed by the rise in violent crime. 2) He took Elaine by the arm and led her across the road.
32	despite		1) Despite all our efforts to save the school, the authorities decided to close it.

			2) Despite international pressure, progress has slowed in the peace talks.
33	down		1) Tears were streaming down my face. 2) Halfway down the page, there was the item I was looking for.
34	during		1) Foxes remain hidden during the day. 2) He slept calmly during the early part of the night.
35	except		1) The office is open every day except Sundays. 2) You can have any of the cakes except this one.
36	failing	used to say that if your first suggestion is not successful or possible, there is another possibility that you could try	We will probably have the conference at the Hyatt Hotel or, failing that, at the Fairmont.
37	following	after an event or as a result of it [≠ before]	1) Following the president's speech, there will be a few minutes for questions. 2) Thousands of refugees left the country following the outbreak of civil war.
38	for		1) These chairs are for the office. 2) Charles died fighting for his country.
39	from		1) How do you get from here to Colchester? 2) He was standing only a few feet away from me.
40	in		1) She looked in her handbag, but her keys were not there. 2) He almost drowned when he fell in the river.
41	inside		1) The jewels were locked away inside the safe. 2) Very little is known of events inside this mysterious country.
42	into		1) Sue got back into bed and pulled the quilt over her head. 2) At the age of 16, I went into the printing trade as an apprentice.
43	like		1) The garden looked like a jungle. 2) He eats like a pig!
44	mid	among or in the middle of- literary-	
45	minus		1) The payment will be refunded to you minus a small service charge. 2) 17 minus 5 is 12.
46	near		1) I'm sure they live somewhere near here. 2) We heard voices as we drew near the village.
47	next		
48	notwithstanding	in spite of something	Notwithstanding differences, there are clear similarities in all of the world's religions.
49	of		1) Avocado salad is a favorite of mine. 2) 'Sunflowers' is one of his best-known paintings.
50	off		1) Someone had taken the mirror off the wall.

			2) I was trying to scrape the mud off my boots.
51	on		1) The little girl was sitting on her father's shoulders. 2) I wanted to punch him on the nose.
52	onto	used to say that someone or something moves to a position on a surface, area, or object	1) Don't jump onto (=into) the bus while it's moving. 2) The car rolled over onto its side.
53	opposite	Do not say that one thing is 'opposite to' or 'opposite of' another. Say that one thing is opposite another	1) The people sitting opposite us looked very familiar. 2) There's a car park opposite the hotel.
54	out		1) Karen looked out the window at the back yard. 2) Get out the car and push with the rest of us!
55	outside		1) I'll meet you outside the theatre at 2 o'clock. 2) She often travels outside the UK.
56	over		1) A lamp hung over the table. 2) Mind you don't spill coffee over my best tablecloth.
57	past		1) Come on Annie, it is long past your bedtime. 2) The hospital is just up this road, about a mile past the school.
58	per		1) The park attracts 4 million visitors per year. 2) The meal cost \$25 per head (=for or by each person).
59	plus		1) The total cost was \$10,000, plus 14% interest. 2) There are numerous clubs, plus a casino.
60	regarding		Regarding your recent inquiry, I have enclosed a copy of our new brochure.
61	round		1) I kept the key on a chain round my neck. 2) She looked round the room as though leaving it for the last time.
62	save	except-formal-	1) She answered all the questions save one. 2) She answered all the questions save one.
63	since		1) Since the end of the war over five thousand prisoners have been released. 2) The factory has been here since the 1970s.
64	than		1) She had woken even earlier than usual. 2) I'd rather drive than go by train.
65	through		1) They were suddenly plunged into darkness as the train went through a tunnel. 2) I managed to squeeze through a gap in the hedge.
66	throughout		1) The disease spread rapidly throughout Europe. 2) We are open every weekend throughout the year.
67	till	=until	1) I didn't have a boyfriend till I was 17. 2) The shop is open till nine o'clock on Fridays.
68	times	multiplied by	two times two equals four
69	to		1) These people go from house to house selling

			goods. 2) Give my best wishes to your parents when you see them.
70	toward	= towards	
71	towards		1) He noticed two policemen coming towards him. 2) These negotiations are the first step toward reaching an agreement.
72	under		1) The bench collapsed under the weight of so many people. 2) I spent just under four hours a day seeing customers.
73	underneath		1) Her blonde hair was hidden underneath a baseball cap. 2) A number had been painted underneath the table.
74	unlike	2) not typical of someone at all	1) Tammy was unlike any other woman I have ever known. 2) It is unlike Greg to be late.
75	until	Until and till have the same meaning. Till is more usual in spoken English, and is not used in formal writing	1) He waited until she had finished speaking. 2) It was not until 1972 that the war finally came to an end.
76	up		1) Put up your hand if you know the answer. 2) Her office is just up those stairs.
77	upon	1) formal-used to mean 'on' or 'onto' 2) if a time or event is upon you, it is about to happen	1) We are completely dependent upon your help. 2) Winter is almost upon us.
78	via	1) traveling through a place on the way to another place 2) sing a particular person, machine etc to send something	1) We flew to Athens via Paris. 2) You can access our homepage via the Internet.
79	with		1) I always wear these shoes with this dress. 2) You'd better bring your passport with you.
80	within	1) before a certain period of time has passed 2) during a certain period of time	1) We should have the test results back within 24 hours. 2) Within the space of a year, three of the town's factories have closed down.
81	without		1) After the storm we were without electricity for five days. 2) We passed two ruined abbeys, one with a tower and one without.
82	worth	1) to have a value in money 2) to have money or possessions that have value	1) This art collection is worth a fortune (=worth a very large amount of money). 2) The man who founded the company must be worth a fortune.
83	according to	Do not say 'according to me' or	1) According to the police, his attackers beat him

		'according to my opinion/point of view'. Say in my opinion In my opinion his first book is much better.	with a blunt instrument. 2) There is now widespread support for these proposals, according to a recent public opinion poll.
84	ahead of		1) Coleridge was far ahead of his time in his understanding of the unconscious. 2) Prepare what you plan to say in the meeting ahead of time (=before the meeting).
85	along with		Dunne was murdered, along with three guards.
86	as for	As for somebody/something used when you are starting to talk about someone or something new that is connected with what you were talking about before	1) Kitty's got so thin. And as for Carl, he always seems to be ill 2) You can ask the others, but as for myself, I'll be busy in the office.
87	as per	as per something=formal-according to something	The work was carried out as per your instructions.
88	as to	concerning	1) Frank was very uncertain as to whether it was the right job for him. 2) He kept his rivals guessing as to his real intentions.
89	aside from	1) except for 2) in addition to	1) Aside from Durang's performance, the actors are ordinary. 2) In the poetry competition, aside from Hass, are four other entrants.
90	because of		1) He had to retire because of ill health. 2) We spent three hours waiting in the rain because of you!
91	close to		She came so close to the finals she must have been bitterly disappointed to go out now.
92	due to		1) The court of inquiry ruled that the crash was due to pilot error. 2) The restaurant's success was due largely to its new manager.
93	except for		1) Everyone went except for Scott and Dan. 2) She felt fine except for being a little tired.
94	far from		The children do not go far from home.
95	in to	=into	
96	inside of		There were 20 people packed inside of her dorm room.
97	instead of		1) Instead of being annoyed, he seemed quite pleased. 2) Could I have tuna instead of ham?
98	near to		I'll give you a ring a bit nearer to Christmas.
99	next to		1) There was a little girl sitting next to him. 2) He knows next to nothing about antiques.

100	on to	=onto	
101	out of		The kids spent all their time out of doors.
102	outside of	= except	1) Outside of love, the best thing you can give a child is attention. 2) I'm taking one big trip this summer, but outside of that I'll be around.
103	owing to		1) Owing to a lack of funds, the project will not continue next year. 2) Flight BA213 has been delayed owing to fog.
104	prior to	formal-before	All the arrangements should be completed prior to your departure.
105	pursuant to	formal- done according to a particular law, rule, contract etc:	1) The boy was provided with an interpreter, pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Act. 2) This money was spent legally and pursuant to city regulations.
106	regardless of		The law requires equal treatment for all, regardless of race, religion, or sex.
107	subsequent to		events that happened subsequent to the accident
108	as far as		They managed to get as far as the Spanish border.
109	as well as	in addition to	They own a house in France as well as a villa in Spain.
110	by means of		The blocks are raised by means of pulleys.
111	from out of		1) Do you know of a good place to eat? I'm from out of town (=from a different town).
112	in accordance with	formal	Use this product only in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
113	in addition to		In addition to his movie work, Redford is known as a champion of environmental causes.
114	in case of	used to describe what you should do in a particular situation, especially on official notices:	In case of fire, break the glass.
115	in front of		He spends hours in front of the mirror!
116	in lieu of	formal-instead of	extra time off in lieu of payment
117	in place of	Instead of	Rolled oats can be used in place of wheat flour in making the bread.
118	in spite of		1) We went out in spite of the rain. 2) Kelly loved her husband in spite of the fact that he drank too much.
119	in view of	used to introduce the reason for a decision or action	In view of his conduct, the club has decided to suspend him.
120	on account of	because of something else, especially a problem or difficulty	She was told to wear flat shoes, on account of her back problem.
121	on behalf of		Sir Nicholas Gammon QC appeared on behalf of the defendant.

122	on top of	2) in complete control of a situation	1) There should be an envelope on top of the fridge. 2) I should be more on top of my work next week.
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