

# PREPOSITIONS

## A preposition is:

**“a word or group of words that is used with a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to show direction, location, or time, or to introduce an object”.**

Prepositions express relationships such as space (*place, position, direction*), time, or figurative location. A preposition always has an object (*usually a noun or pronoun*). The preposition and its object (*and any modifiers*) are together called a prepositional phrase

### For example:

The preposition “**on**” in “The flask is **on** the table” shows **location**.  
The preposition “**in**” in “The curfew will end **in** 3 hours” shows **time**.

### Other examples include:

**Above**

**Between**

**Near**

**Under**

**Beside**

**Behind**

**In Front Of**

Prepositions are often called the biggest small words in English because although they are generally short words, they are very important to the meaning of the sentence. A misused preposition can make a big difference between a clearly stated sentence and a confusing jumble of words.

#### Important Rules to Follow When Using Prepositions

- Prepositions are followed by a noun, and never by a verb.
- A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with the preposition’s object (*either a noun or pronoun*).
- The subject of the sentence cannot be part of a prepositional phrase.
- Verbs cannot be part of a prepositional phrase.

### Fill in the correct prepositions- Time

1. Peter is playing tennis on Sunday.
2. My brother's birthday is.....  
..... the 5th of November.
3. My birthday is ..... May.
4. We are going to see my parents .....  
..... the weekend.
5. ....1666, a great fire broke out in London.
6. I don't like walking alone in the streets.....  
..... night.
7. What are you doing .....  
..... the afternoon?
8. My friend has been living in Canada.....  
..... two years.
9. I have been waiting for you .....  
..... seven o'clock.
10. I will have finished this essay .....  
..... Friday.

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