

## Prepositions

A preposition is a word which shows relationships among other words in a sentence. The **relationships** include **direction, place, time, cause, manner** and **amount**. In the sentence, *She went to the store*, “to” is a preposition which shows direction. In the sentence, *He came by bus*, “by” is a preposition which shows manner. In the sentence, *They will be here at three o’clock*, “at” is a preposition which shows time and in the sentence, *It is under the table*, “under” is a preposition which shows place.

A preposition always goes with a noun or pronoun which is called the **object of the preposition**. The preposition is almost always before the noun or pronoun and that is why it is called a *preposition*. The preposition and the object of the preposition (along with its modifiers) together are called a **prepositional phrase**. The following shows the prepositions, objects of the preposition, and prepositional phrases of the sentences above.

She went to the store.

- Preposition to
- Object of the Preposition store
- Prepositional Phrase to the store

He came by bus.

- Preposition by
- Object of the Preposition bus
- Prepositional Phrase by bus

They will be here at three o’clock.

- Preposition at
- Object of the Preposition three o’clock
- Prepositional Phrase at three o’clock

It is under the table.

- Preposition under
- Object of the Preposition table
- Prepositional Phrase under the table

### Some common prepositions:

About	beneath	in back of	outside	with
above	beside	in case of	over	within
according to	between	in front of	past	without
across	beyond	in place of	regarding	
after	(but)	inside	round	
against	by	in spite of	since	
along	by means of	instead of	through	
along with	concerning	into	throughout	
among	despite	like	till	
apart from	down	near	to	
around	during	next	toward	

as	except	of	under
as for	except for	off	underneath
at	excepting	on	unlike
because of	for	onto	until
before	from	on top of	up
behind	in	out	upon
below	in addition to	out of	up to