

PREPOSITIONS (PRÄPOSITIONEN)

Präpositionen sind eine Klasse von Wörtern, die eine zeitliche, räumliche oder logische Beziehung zwischen den Wörtern eines Satzes herstellen. Oft stehen sie auch vor Hauptworten.

Beispiele:

The book is **on** the table.

Das Buch ist **auf** dem Tisch

The book is **beside** the table.

Das Buch ist **neben** dem Tisch.

She read the book **during** class.

Sie las das Buch **während** des Unterrichts.

In den drei obengenannten Beispielen wird das Hauptwort „book“ durch die jeweilige Präposition in eine räumliche bzw. zeitliche Beziehung zum Rest des Satzes gesetzt.

Man unterscheidet zwischen einfachen Präpositionen (simple prepositions) und zusammengesetzten Präpositionen (compound prepositions).

Beispiele simple prepositions:

The cat ran **after** the dog.

The bird flew **against** the window.

Beispiele compound prepositions:

This book is **in between** "Eragon" and "The Lord of the Rings".

The car is **in front of** the house.

Im Englischen gibt es rund 150 Präpositionen. Viele davon haben mehrfache, unterschiedliche Bedeutungen. Es empfiehlt sich daher für die genaue Bedeutung und den Gebrauch einer Präposition in einem Wörterbuch nachzuschlagen.

Es folgt eine Übersicht über die wichtigsten Präpositionen und deren Bedeutungen/Verwendungen.

Prepositions of time

English	Usage	Example
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> days of the week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on Monday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> since 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a certain point of time (past till now) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> since 1980
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a certain time in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 years ago
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> before 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> earlier than a certain point of time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> before 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ten to six (5:50)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> telling the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ten past six (6:10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 of place

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, 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • into 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enter a room / a building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go into the kitchen / the house
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • onto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • movement to the top of something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jump onto the table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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