

PREPOSITIONS

▲ A preposition is a word which shows the relation between a noun or a pronoun and some other word in a sentence

→ POINT TO REMEMBER

A preposition is placed before a noun or a pronoun

EXAMPLE ↓

- 1) The cat is under the table [under shows relation between cat and table]
- 2) The cat ran after the mouse [after shows relation between mouse and running]

→ KINDS OF PREPOSITIONS

PREPOSITION
OF
TIME

PREPOSITION
OF
POSITION

PREPOSITION
OF
DIRECTION OR
MOVEMENT

PREPOSITIONS OF POSITION

As the name suggests, it denotes the idea of position.

EXAMPLE - IN the bag, ON the table, NEAR the wall, BEHIND the curtain

WORD	USE	EXAMPLE
IN	▲ Larger area, towns, states, countries	<u>IN</u> England, <u>IN</u> Mumbai
AT	▲ At has idea of a point, villages, small towns etc	<u>AT</u> Kanchi Bagh <u>AT</u> Ambala
ABOVE OVER	▲ both mean higher than, we can use either ▲ OVER can also mean covering or vertically above	The flags waved <u>over</u> our head. The flags waved <u>above</u> our head. There is a bridge <u>over</u> the stream.
ON UPON	▲ used for things at rest <u>upon</u> for things in motion	My bag is <u>on</u> the table. The cat sprang <u>upon</u> the table.
BETWEEN	▲ for two persons or things	The table is <u>between</u> the two chairs.
AMONG	▲ for more than two	The rabbit hid <u>among</u> the bushes.

▲ PREPOSITION OF TIME

The prepositions are used to denote time.

→ EXAMPLE

ON Sunday, ATch lunch, IN London
IN winter etc

PREPOSITION	USE	EXAMPLE
ON	• Day of week	• On Tuesday, On Saturday
IN	• months, line of day, year etc	• in August / in winter, in the evening, in 2011 etc
AT	• for night, for weekend, point of time	• at night, at the weekend, at half past 3
SINCE	• from a certain point of time	• since 1998
FOR	• over a certain period	• for five years

Other preposition of time - ago, before, to, till, until, by etc

→ FORMATIVE EXERCISE

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

1) His birthday is ON fifth December

2) I am always at home a Sunday morning

3) He has been in the hospital since January

4) I shall be back in a week

5) At Half past three, I'll be going to bed

ANSWER KEY

1) on, 2) on 3) since 4) in 5) at