

The rooster is crowing.  
subject → verb

My friend loves dogs.  
subject verb object

# Prepositions



# What are prepositions?

**Prepositions** are words that link **nouns** to other parts of sentences, indicating relationships between things.

Prepositions usually come before nouns in a sentence and most often tell us about position, location, direction or time.

The most common prepositions are: **of** **in** **to** **for** **on**



The cat is **in** the box.

The noun that the preposition introduces is called the '**object**' of the preposition.

# What are prepositions?

Here are some more prepositions:

<b>through</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>underneath</b>	<b>at</b>	<b>from</b>
<b>around</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>against</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>towards</b>
<b>near</b>	<b>across</b>	<b>beside</b>	<b>inside</b>	<b>into</b>
<b>within</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>under</b>	<b>around</b>	<b>up</b>
<b>behind</b>	<b>between</b>	<b>over</b>	<b>below</b>	<b>upon</b>

Some prepositions are made up of more than one word:

**next to**

**on top of**

**in front of**

**side by side**

**along with**

# Using prepositions



**Write five sentences using different prepositions.**



# Prepositions of place

Look at the picture below and answer the questions using prepositions. Try to use a different preposition each time!

**Where is the doll?**



Prepositions tell us about the direction of things.

**Can you identify the prepositions that indicate direction in each of these sentences?**

My parents are going **to** the city to see a play.

The plane is flying **over** the Atlantic.

The children are going **inside** because it is raining.

The police officer ran **after** the thief.

Sadly, we have to go back **to** school.

Slowly, the girl looked **up**.



# Prepositions of location

Prepositions are usually used in phrases. See if you can match the start of these sentences to the correct prepositional phrases which tell us about location.

We play football

My wallet is

I do my homework

The remote control is

I found my key

The dog ran

in my pocket.

inside my shoe.

on the TV.

at my desk.

into the woods.

at the park.



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# Prepositions of time

**Prepositions can help to show time. Complete these sentences by dragging the prepositions of time to the correct spaces.**

1. I have to catch the train \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes the thieves had cleared out the house completely.

3. James worked on his homework \_\_\_\_\_ 10 p.m.

4. I'll be finished on the phone \_\_\_\_\_ about fifteen minutes.

5. The post office was closed for business \_\_\_\_\_

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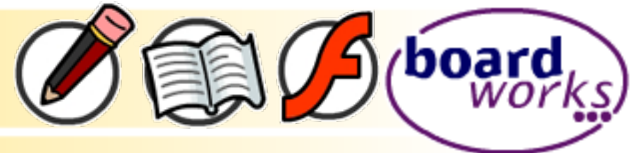
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# Identifying prepositions



See how many prepositions you can identify in the opening paragraphs of Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*, and Charles Dickens' *The Signal-man*.

Press on all the prepositions to highlight them.  
Remember: a preposition usually comes before a noun or pronoun.

Press **start** to see the first of the two extracts.

**start**

