

Similar to articles, prepositions can be troublesome. In some cases, you may use the wrong preposition as in the sentence "I went *at the bank*." The correct sentence should be "I went *to the bank*."

In other cases, you may forget to use a preposition as in the sentence "She ran three miles *the park*." The correct sentence should be "She ran three miles around (or at) the park."

The following is a common list of prepositions/phrases with which you should be familiar:

- about: *Advocates say walk-to-school programs are gaining new momentum from parents and teachers concerned **about** a childhood obesity epidemic.*
- above: *A pink blob indicating **above** normal fire danger colors the map across eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho, then reaches down the Sierra Nevada through Southern California and into western Arizona.*
- across: *The album ranged widely **across** the various facets of contemporary Rhythm and Blues including the dance hit Ai No Corrida and making a star out of James Ingram with his lead vocals featured on Just Once and One Hundred Ways.*
- after: *The athlete experienced aches in his right shoulder **after** pitching nine innings in yesterday's baseball game.*
- against: *The summit was further complicated by France and Germany, which had spoken out **against** the U.S.-led attack on Iraq, choosing to concentrate on rebuilding relations with Washington rather than antagonizing it further.*
- around: *In April 1986, Russia's nuclear power station at Chernobyl exploded, killing 250 people and sending radioactive fallout **around** the world.*
- at: *This led to a professor **at** Stanford University to multiply this ratio by 100 to express a child's performance.*
- before: *Aventis said the FDA cannot make a ruling on the application **before** February 24, 2004, and that it would mount legal challenges to make generic versions of its Lovenox drug.*
- behind: *Leaving germs **behind**, the housefly is a common pest and disease carrier that lays eggs in garbage and manure.*
- below: *Badwater is the lowest point in the hemisphere at 282 feet **below** sea level.*
- beneath: *Shrubs, small trees, or other vegetation commonly grow **beneath** the trees in a forest.*
- beside: *The computer was placed **beside** the desk.*
- besides: *No one **besides** John has decided to go to the movie theater.*

- between: *A cross **between** fast-food and restaurant dining, the family restaurant, characterized by its soft lights, upholstered booths, and food prepared to order, is the fastest growing phenomenon in the food service industry today.*
- beyond: *That many poets such as Edgar Allen Poe suffered a wretchedness **beyond** anyone's imagination served as inspiration for their verses.*
- by: *Therapists who believe in the reality of Multiple Personality Disorder generally believe it to be caused **by** very severe abuse during childhood violence so extreme that the child cannot absorb the trauma in its entirety.*
- down: *Emergency officials braced for more rain Tuesday following storms that sent torrents of mud and water **down** already saturated hillsides in central Appalachia.*
- during: *Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears **during** the first three years of life.*
- except: ***Except for** dietary fibers (nuts, husks, bran, celery strings and such), our gut disassembles virtually everything we eat into smaller components that our body can use.*
- for: *The knowledge of key social factors and a firm grasp on research design and methods, all of which are learned upon completion of a B.A. in a sociology program, provides breadth and the potential **for** adaptability in the workplace.*
- from: *The basic aesthetics of television are not that different **from** those of movies.*
- in: *If a learner has anxiety, the affective filters conducive to second language acquisition may be closed, thus making the input **in** the brain incomprehensible.*
- inside: *The introduction of more compression causes the new helium particles **inside** of the core to collide hard enough so that they can stick together and fuse.*
- into: *Venom is then injected **into** the prey by an opening near the tip of the fang.*
- like: *Sounds waves **like** other types of frequencies are often transmitted in an undulating manner.*
- near: *One man died in the wreckage of a flattened workshop and seven other people were injured in Deshler, about 75 miles southwest of Lincoln **near** the Kansas line.*
- of: *The rule would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act **of** 1938, which was the first law preventing employers from wringing 60-hour work weeks from their rank-and-file without compensation.*

- off: *Instead of playing tennis with a partner, Kevin practiced by hitting the ball on and **off** of a wall.*
- on: *To stop the bleeding and to prevent infection, the paramedic put bandages **on** the woman's cut arm.*
- out: *At this point in its life, the Sun's envelope will expand to engulf all of the inner solar system **out** to Mars.*
- outside: *Just **outside** of Barstow, California is the junction of Interstate 15 and 40.*
- over: *Wheels mounted on a frame **over** a river were the first devices used to harness water power.*
- since: *Gases trapped in ice cores show the dramatic impact that human activities have had on the planet **since** the Industrial Revolution.*
- through: *A machine travels **through** a certain path, resulting from the aggregate combination of the parts moving within it.*
- throughout: *High blood pressure is caused by a resistance to the flow of blood greater than that usually caused by constriction of small arteries **throughout** the human body.*
- till: *From dawn **till** dusk, there are dozens of things for humans and canines to do together: sports, games, lectures, contests, and crafts.*
- to: *It's clear that these structures are not homologous **to** the wings of bats, because they have a fundamentally different anatomical plan, reflecting a different evolutionary history.*
- toward: *A Cognitive Psychology program is especially geared **toward** the application of formal and computational modeling and neuroscience methods to these basic questions.*
- under: *To determine a diamond's clarity, an expert views it **under** 10 power magnification. In addition to internal inclusions, surface irregularities are referred to as blemishes.*
- until: *The cases were not found **until** last week because the basement of the bank was flooded, possibly deliberately by bank officials as a way to protect the treasures from looters.*
- up: *My friend lives **up** the street a few blocks from my house.*
- upon: *Talking movingly to her father **upon** departure, Karen told him that she would return in two years.*
- with: *Mercury is the only body in the solar system known to have an orbital/rotational resonance **with** a ratio other than 1:1.*

- without: *The rule would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which was the first law preventing employers from wringing 60-hour work weeks from their rank-and-file **without** compensation.*
- according to: ***According to** tradition, Brigid took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the presence of the missionary bishop, Saint Patrick, who bestowed on her the nun's veil.*
- because of: *The trend has been to raise rates **because of** the increasing number of defaults among consumers.*
- by way of: *"Embellish" means to endow with beauty and elegance **by way of** a notable addition.*
- in addition to: ***In addition to** internal inclusions, surface irregularities are referred to as blemishes.*
- in front of: ***In the front of** an automobile is a bumper designed to **crumple** during a collision.*
- in place of: ***In place of** her friend Tom, Susan will take the lead role in the school play.*
- in regard to: ***In regard to** the Internet, students should learn to access Online library databases.*
- in spite of: ***In spite of** their supernatural powers, many gods, goddesses, and heroes of mythology have human characteristics.*
- instead of: *The function that fills in forms offers an option to store credit card numbers too, but the information is encrypted on the hard drive of a user's computer **instead of** Google's computers, for security and privacy reasons.*
- on account of: ***On account of** the noise made by the spectators, the referees decided to delay the game.*
- out of: *Raccoons are known for their intelligence and ability to get out of any jam. Their cunning and survival skills make them one of the icons of the American wilderness. Humans well know that it's nearly impossible to outsmart them and keep them **out of** garbage cans!*