

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

English	Explanation/Meaning	Example
On	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Days (of the week) & dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On Monday; on June 1st; on Christmas Evening; on my mark; on the weekend (AmE)
In	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Months/seasons/year• Part of the day• After a period of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In summer/in July/in 2020• In the evening• In an hour; in the future
At	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A specific point of time• Exceptions (when?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At 11:15 p.m.; at half past six• At noon; at night; learned English at 45; at the weekend (BrE); at first glance
Since	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From a specific point in time until now (past till now)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since 1990; since yesterday
For	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over a certain period of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the first time in forever; for 5 years
Ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From now to a specific point in the past (now till past)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A second ago; a decade ago; a while ago

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During	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout the course or duration of s.th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During winter; during the holiday; during the discussion
Before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous to in time; earlier than	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before summer; before dawn; I have to talk to the manager before I call my boss
After	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsequent in time; at a later time than	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After midnight; after tomorrow
Until (till)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to a certain point in time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Until Monday; I'll wait to call my manager until I hear from the client
To / past	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telling the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ten to two (1:50) / ten past two (2:10)
From / to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A starting point/an end point	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the beginning; from now to eternity
By	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not later than	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By 12 o'clock; by next week

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In	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position or state inside sth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In London; in the book, in the mirror; in love
At	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the area of...; specific position• An event (or a place related to it)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At home; at the table; at my side• At the party; at the cinema; at school
On	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position above• In contact with• For a certain side (left, right)• The state or process of • Means of conveyance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the desk• On the wall• On the left side• On leave; on fire; on the way; on the phone; on TV; on the radio• On trains; on the bus; on a plane
Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From a place or position	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Off the table; off the wall; went off to London; got off the bus; turned off the AC
By, beside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the side of; close to; next to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By the door; beside the car; stand by me
Under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a lower position; beneath the surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the table, under water

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Over	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In or at a position above• More than	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put sth. over a shirt; walk over sth.; over my deal body• Over 100 years; over ten miles
Below	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In or to a lower place; beneath	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Below the surface; below 20 degree; below the clouds
Above	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher than sth. else; overhead	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Above the door; the clouds above; the problems cited above
Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From a lower towards a higher point	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up the hill; up there is a
Down	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A descending direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rolled down the hill; walking down the street

PREPOSITIONS OF DIRECTIONS/MOVEMENTS

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Across	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On, at, to or from the other side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the street; lines across the paper
Through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From one end or side to another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the tunnel; a tour through France
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a direction toward a person / thing • Toward a (given) state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to bed; move on to; face to face • Back to health; all the way to; to die for
Into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement to the inside / interior of • To the condition, state, or form of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went into the kitchen; crashed into a tree • Breaking into pieces; go into banking
Out of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the inside to the outside • No longer in the condition, state or form of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag myself out of bed; out of nowhere • Out of town; out of order; out of fashion
Onto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement to the top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumped onto the table
Towards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement in the direction of; or closer to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards the house; towards the future; towards peace
From	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A starting point; movement away from • A source, a cause; a distinction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walked home from the station; traveled from NY to LA • A note from the teacher; know right from wrong

OTHER PREPOSITIONS

English	Explanation/Meaning	Example
Of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Originating from, composed of, associated with, belonging to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men of the south; a cup of tea; the spirit of God; that friend of mine
By	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the name of; through the agency or action of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A book by Hardeep Singh; played by the rules; killed by a bullet; one by one they left; by car, by bus
About	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estimation of quality• On the subject• Ready to do sth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• About ten people; about two miles• A book about English• The chorus is about to sing
For	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indicates the object, aim or purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy for you; drink for you; eager for fame; for one thing,; for heaven's sake
With	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the presence or use of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With a family; with cheese; play with you; with determination; with a lot of love; will be with you; from Canada with love