

PREPOSITION

PART - II ENGLISH

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DEFINITION

- A **Preposition** is a word that shows the relation between a noun or pronoun(which is called the object of the preposition), and another word in the sentence

EXAMPLE:

- ⦿ The cat is ‘**on**’ the table
- ⦿ The noun ‘table’ is the object of the preposition ‘on’
- ⦿ The preposition shows the relation between this object and the noun ‘cat’

COMMON PREPOSITIONS

- ◉ in, into, on, under, up, down, from, to, below, above, during, with, without, of, off, behind, beside, before, after, by, around, over, through, across, along, alongside, inside, outside, against, concerning, despite, regarding, notwithstanding

POSITION OF PREPOSITIONS:

- ◉ Prepositions normally come before nouns and pronouns
- ◉ But in some cases, they are put at the end of the sentences

IN INTERROGATIVES

- Preposition is placed at the end

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ What are you looking **for**?

(Instead of 'For what are you looking?')

- ⦿ What did they hit him **with**?

- ⦿ Who are you shouting **at**?

IN RELATIVE CLAUSE

- A preposition that comes before whom / which is often shifted to the end of the sentence

EXAMPLES:

In such cases the relative pronoun is often omitted

- ◉ This is the book I was referring to
(to which I was referring)
- ◉ I met the poet you had told me about
(about whom you had told me)

USE OR OMISSION OF TO

- The Preposition 'to' is not used between verbs like ask, order, request, advise, invite, remind, tell, urge, warn, encourage, beg and the person addressed

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ I asked him **to** arrange the flowers
- ⦿ They requested him **to** read a story
- ⦿ He told me the truth

IN SENTENCES WITH TWO OBJECTS

- The indirect object usually comes after to or for

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ I bought a book **for** John
- ⦿ John gave a new shirt **to** his brother

NOTE: But these sentences can be written without the preposition by bringing the indirect object near the verb

- ⦿ I bought John a book
- ⦿ John gave his brother a new shirt

Prepositions of Time



PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

on - days (of the week) & dates

EXAMPLES:

⦿ on Sunday; on May 1st; on Christmas Eve; on my mark

in: - months / seasons / year / part of the day / after a period of time

EXAMPLES:

⦿ in July / in summer / in 2017 / in the evening / in an hour; in the future

at: - a specific point of time / exceptions (when?)

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ at 11:15 p.m.; at half past six / at noon; at night; learned English at 42 / at the weekend ; at first glance

since: - from a specific point in time until now (past till now)

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ since 1980; since yesterday

for: - over a certain period of time

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ for the first time in forever; for 3 years

ago : - from now to a specific point in the past (now till past)

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ a second ago; a decade ago; a while ago

before: - previous to in time; earlier than

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ before winter; before dawn; I have to talk to the client before I call my manager

after: - Subsequent in time; at a later time than

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ after midnight; after tomorrow

until(till):- up to a certain point in time

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ until Monday; I'll wait to call my manager until I hear from the client

to/past: - telling the time

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ ten to two (1:50) / ten past two (2:10)

from / to: - a starting point / an end point

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ from the beginning; from now to eternity

by: - not later than

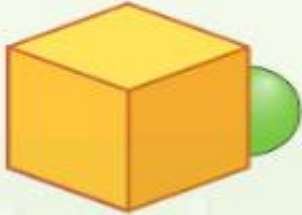
EXAMPLES: by 12 o'clock; by next week

during: - throughout the course or duration of something

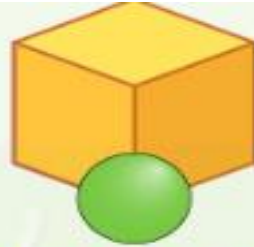
EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ during summer; during the vacation; during the discussion

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE



BEHIND



IN FRONT OF



NEXT TO



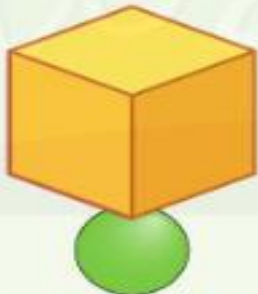
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NEAR



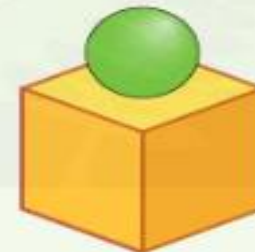
ABOVE



BELOW



IN



ON

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

in: - position or state inside something

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ in London; in the book, in the mirror; in love

at: - in the area; specific position / an event (or a place related to it)

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ at home; at the table; at my side / at the party; at the cinema; at school

on: - position above / in contact with/ for a certain side
(left, right) /the state or process of/ means of conveyance

EXAMPLES:

⦿ 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

off: - from a place or position

EXAMPLES:

⦿ off the table; off the wall; went off to / Canada; got off
the bus; turned off the TV

by, beside: - at the side of; close to, next to

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ by the door; beside the car; stand by me

under: - in a lower position; beneath the surface

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ under the table; under water

over: - in or at a position above more than

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ Put something over a shirt; walk over something; over my dead body over 100 years; over ten miles

below: - in or to a lower place; beneath

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ below the surface; below 20°; below the Clouds

above : - higher than something else; overhead

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ above the door; the clouds above; the problems cited
above

up: - from a lower towards a higher point

EXAMPLES:

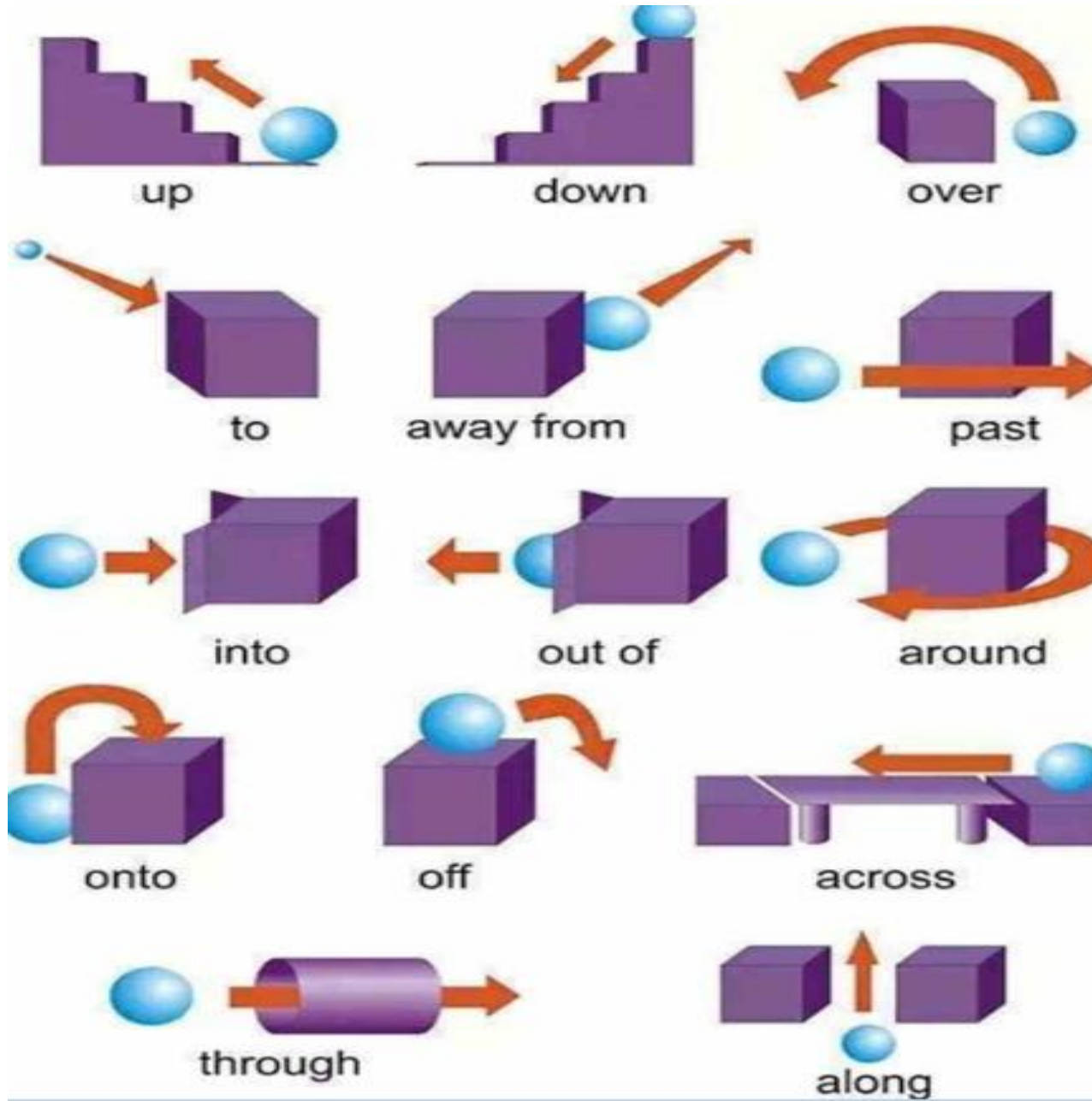
- ⦿ up the hill; up the stairs

down: - a descending direction

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ rolled down the hill; walking down the street

PREPOSITIONS OF DIRECTIONS



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across: - On, at, to or from the other side

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ across the street; lines across the paper

through: - from one end or side to another

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ through the tunnel; a tour through France

into: - movement to the inside / interior of / to the condition, state, or form of

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ went into the kitchen; crashed into a tree / breaking into pieces; go into banking

out of: - from the inside to the outside / no longer in the condition, state, or / form of

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ drag myself out of bed; out of nowhere /out of town; out of order; out of fashion

onto: - movement to the top

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ jumped onto the table

towards: - movement in the direction of; or closer to

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ towards the house; toward the future; toward peace

from: - a starting point; movement away from / a source, a cause; a distinction

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ walked home from the station; traveled from NY to LA / a note from the teacher; know right from wrong

to :- In a direction toward a person / toward a (given) state

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ go to bed; move on to; face to face / back to health; all the way to; to die for

OTHER PREPOSITIONS

of: - originating from, composed of, associated with, belonging to

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ men of the north; a cup of coffee; the hand of God; that friend of yours

by: - in the name of; through the agency or action of

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ a book by Mark Twain; by myself; played by the rules; killed by a bullet; one by one they left; by car, by bus

about: - estimation of quantity / on the subject of / ready to do something

EXAMPLES:

⦿ about ten people; about two miles / a book about English
/ the chorus is about to sing

for: - indicates the object, aim or purpose

EXAMPLES:

⦿ happy for you; eager for fame; for one thing; for heaven's sake

with: - in the presence or use of

EXAMPLES:

- ⦿ with a friend;
- ⦿ with cheese;
- ⦿ with confidence;
- ⦿ will be with you shortly;