

Prepositions – Time

English	Usage	Example
• on	days of the week	on Monday
• in	months / seasons time of day year after a certain period of time (<i>when?</i>)	in August / in winter in the morning in 2006 in an hour
• at	for <i>night</i> for <i>weekend</i> a certain point of time (<i>when?</i>)	at night at the weekend at half past nine
• since	from a certain point of time (past till now)	since 1980
• for	over a certain period of time (past till now)	for 2 years
• ago	a certain time in the past	2 years ago
• before	earlier than a certain point of time	before 2004
• to	telling the time	ten to six (5:50)
• past	telling the time	ten past six (6:10)
• to / till / until	marking the beginning and end of a period of time	from Monday to/till Friday
• till / until	in the sense of <i>how long something is going to last</i>	He is on holiday until Friday.
• by	in the sense of <i>at the latest</i> up to a certain time	I will be back by 6 o'clock. By 11 o'clock, I had read five pages.

Prepositions – Place (Position and Direction)

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• in	room, building, street, town, country book, paper etc.	in the kitchen, in London in the book

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	car, taxi picture, world	in the car, in a taxi in the picture, in the world
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at 	meaning <i>next to, by an object</i> for <i>table</i> for events place where you are to do something typical (watch a film, study, work)	at the door, at the station at the table at a concert, at the party at the cinema, at school, at work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on 	attached for a place with a river being on a surface for a certain side (left, right) for a floor in a house for public transport for <i>television, radio</i>	the picture on the wall London lies on the Thames. on the table on the left on the first floor on the bus, on a plane on TV, on the radio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by, next to, beside 	left or right of somebody or something	Jane is standing by / next to / beside the car.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> under 	on the ground, lower than (or covered by) something else	the bag is under the table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> below 	lower than something else but above ground	the fish are below the surface
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> over 	covered by something else meaning <i>more than</i> getting to the other side (also <i>across</i>) overcoming an obstacle	put a jacket over your shirt over 16 years of age walk over the bridge climb over the wall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> above 	higher than something else, but not directly over it	a path above the lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> across 	getting to the other side (also <i>over</i>) getting to the other side	walk across the bridge swim across the lake
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> through 	something with limits on top, bottom and the sides	drive through the tunnel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to 	movement to person or building	go to the cinema

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	movement to a place or country for <i>bed</i>	go to London / Ireland go to bed
• into	enter a room / a building	go into the kitchen / the house
• towards	movement in the direction of something (but not directly to it)	go 5 steps towards the house
• onto	movement to the top of something	jump onto the table
• from	in the sense of <i>where from</i>	a flower from the garden

Other important Prepositions

English	Usage	Example
• from	who gave it	a present from Jane
• of	who/what does it belong to what does it show	a page of the book the picture of a palace
• by	who made it	a book by Mark Twain
• on	walking or riding on horseback entering a public transport vehicle	on foot, on horseback get on the bus
• in	entering a car / Taxi	get in the car
• off	leaving a public transport vehicle	get off the train
• out of	leaving a car / Taxi	get out of the taxi
• by	rise or fall of something travelling (other than walking or horseriding)	prices have risen by 10 percent by car, by bus
• at	for <i>age</i>	she learned Russian at 45
• about	for topics, meaning <i>what about</i>	we were talking about you