

Preposition Rule

Prepositions must always be followed by a **noun** or **pronoun**.

That **noun** is called the **object** of the preposition. A verb can't be the **object** of a preposition.

It is never followed by a verb, if using verb then use "ing"

1. The bone was for the dog (common noun)
2. All the clothes are for selling (ing)
3. This Shop is for my son (pronoun)

Here are some examples:

subject + verb	preposition	"noun"	note
The food is	on	the table.	<i>noun</i>
The clothes are	on	the shelf	
My Car is	in	the parking slot	
All Laptops are	being	used	<i>Present past verb</i>
She lives	in	Japan.	<i>proper noun</i>
Raj is looking	for	you.	<i>pronoun</i>
My phone	is not	Working	<i>Ing--Verb gerund</i>
She isn't used	to	working.	
I ate	before	coming.	

Prepositions "On," "At," and "In"

A preposition is a word that links a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to some other part of the sentence.

- to the office
- at the desk
- on the table
- in an hour
- about myself

A preposition is used to show direction, location, or time, or to introduce an object.

"On,"

- The paper is on my desk.
- The garbage truck comes on Wednesdays.
- I was born on the 14th day of June in 1988. OR
- I was born on 22nd January 1974
- He is on the phone right now.
- She has been on the computer since this morning.
- My favorite movie will be on TV tonight.
- The stick hit me on my shoulder.
- He kissed me on my cheek.
- Everything in this store is on sale.
- The building is on fire.

"At,"

- I will meet you at 12 p.m.
- The bus will stop here at 5:45 p.m.
- There is a party at the club house.
- There were hundreds of people at the park.
- We saw a baseball game at the stadium.
- please email me at abc@defg.com
- He laughed at my acting.
- I am good at drawing a portrait.

In

Used for unspecific times during a day, month, season, year:

- She always reads newspapers in the morning.
- In the summer, we have a rainy season for three weeks.
- The new semester will start in March.
- She looked me directly in the eyes.
- I am currently staying in a hotel.
- My hometown is Los Angeles, which is in California.
- This painting is mostly in blue.
- The students stood in a circle.
- This jacket comes in four different sizes.
- I believe in the next life.
- We are not interested in gambling.

Prepositions "Of," "To," and "For"

Of

Used for belonging to, relating to, or connected with:

- The secret of this game is that you can't ever win.
- The highlight of the show is at the end.
- The first page of the book describes the author's profile.
- Don't touch it. That's the bag of my friend's sister.
- I always dreamed of being rich and famous.

- I got married in the summer of 2000.
- This is a picture of my family.
- I got a discount of 10 percent on the purchase.

Used to indicate an amount or number:

- I drank three cups of milk.
- A large number of people gathered to protest.
- I had only four hours of sleep during the last two days.
- He got a perfect score of 5 on his writing assignment.

To

Used to indicate the place, person, or thing that someone or something moves toward, or the direction of something:

- I am heading to the entrance of the building.
- The package was mailed to Mr. Kim yesterday.
- All of us went to the movie theater.
- Please send it back to me.

Used to indicate a limit or an ending point:

- The snow was piled up to the roof.
- The stock prices rose up to 100 dollars.

Used to indicate relationship:

- My answer to your question is in this envelop.
- Do not respond to every little thing in your life.

Used to indicate a time or a period:

- I work nine to six, Monday to Friday.
- It is now 10 to five. (In other words, it is 4:50.)

For

Used to indicate the use of something:

- This place is for exhibitions and shows.
- I baked a cake for your birthday.
- I put a note on the door for privacy.
- She has been studying hard for the final exam.

Used to mean because of:

- I am so happy for you.
- We feel deeply sorry for your loss.
- For this reason, I've decided to quit this job.

Used to indicate time or duration:

- He's been famous for many decades.
- I attended the university for one year only.
- This is all I have for today.

Prepositions "With," "Over," and "By"

With

Used to indicate being together or being involved:

- I ordered a sandwich with a drink.
- He was with his friend when he saw me.
- She has been working with her sister at the nail shop.
- The manager will be with you shortly.

Used to indicate "having":

- I met a guy with green eyes.
- People with a lot of money are not always happy.

Used to indicate "using":

- I wrote a letter with the pen you gave me.
- This is the soup that I made with rice and barley.
- He cut my hair with his gold scissors.

Used to indicate feeling:

- I am emailing you with my sincere apology.
- He came to the front stage with confidence.

Used to indicate agreement or understanding:

- Are you with me?
- Yes, I am completely with you.
- She agrees with me.

Over

Used to indicate movement from one place to another:

- Come over to my house for dinner sometime.
- Could you roll over?
- They sent over a gift for his promotion.

Used to indicate movement downward:

- The big tree fell over on the road.
- Can you bend over and get the dish for me?
- He pushed it over the edge.

Used to indicate more than an expected number or amount:

- This amount is over our prediction.
- The phone rang for over a minute.

Used to indicate a period of time:

- I worked there over a year.
- She did not sleep there over this past month.

By

Used to indicate proximity:

- Can I sit by you?
- He was standing by me.
- The post office is by the bank.

Used to indicate the person that does something in a passive voice sentence:

- The microwave was fixed by the mechanic.
- The flowers were delivered by a postman.
- The branch office was closed by the head office.

Used to indicate an action with a particular purpose:

- You can pass the exam by preparing for it.
- I expressed my feeling toward her by writing a letter.
- She finally broke the record by pure effort.

Used to indicate a means or method:

- Please send this package to Russia by airmail.
- I came here by subway.