

Prepositional phrases

At	<p>at the age of at the airport at the beginning of (when sth started) (but: in the beginning = originally) at breakfast/lunch etc at the bottom of at the bus stop at the corner/on the corner at all costs at the crossroads at dawn at one's desk at the door at the end (= when sth is finished) (but: in the end = finally) at fault at first at first hand at first sight</p>	<p>at a glance at a guess at hand at heart at home at/in a hotel at ... km per hour at last at the latest at least at liberty at a loss at the match at midnight at the moment at most at night (but: in the night) at noon at once at peace/war at present</p>	<p>at a profit at the prospect at random at any rate at one's request at the same time at school at sea at the seaside at short notice at/in the station at sunset at the table at the time at times at the top of (but: on top of) at university at the weekend at work at 4, Rose St.</p>
By	<p>by accident by all accounts by appointment by the arm/hand by birth by bus/train/plane/helicopter/taxi/ coach/ ship/boat/sea/air/car etc. (but: on a/the bus/plane/train/coach/ship/boat in a taxi/car/helicopter/plane) by chance by cheque by correspondence</p>	<p>by day/night by degrees by the dozen by far by force by hand by heart by invitation by land/sea/air by law by luck by marriage by means of by mistake</p>	<p>by nature by now by oneself by phone by post/airmail by profession by request by (the/one's) side by sight by surprise by the time by the way by one's watch</p>
For	<p>for ages for breakfast/lunch/dinner for certain for a change for ever for fear (of) for fun (= for amusement) for good for granted</p>	<p>for hire for instance for life for love for luck for nothing for once for the rest of for safe keeping</p>	<p>for one's sake for the sake of for sale for short for the time being for a visit/holiday for a walk for a while</p>



Prepositional Phrases

In

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| in action | in general | in place of |
| in addition to (+ -ing form) | in good time | in politics |
| in advance (of) | in half | in pounds |
| in agreement (with) | in hand | in practice |
| in aid of | in haste | in principle |
| in all (all in all) | in good/bad health | in prison |
| in answer to | in honour of | in private/public |
| in an armchair | in the hope of | in all probability |
| in a good/bad temper | in hospital | in progress |
| in bed | in a hotel | in a queue |
| in the beginning
(= originally) | in a hurry | in reality |
| in a book | in ink/pencil/pen | in return |
| in brief | in sb's interest | in the right/wrong |
| in any case | in length/width etc. | in a row/rows |
| in cash | in all one's life | in ruins |
| in the centre of | in a line | in safety |
| in charge (of) | in the long run | in season |
| in code | in love (with) | in secret |
| in colour | in luxury | in self-defence |
| in comfort | in the meantime | in short |
| in common | in a mess | in sight (of) |
| in comparison with | in the middle of | in the sky |
| in conclusion (to) | in a mirror | in some respects |
| in (good/bad) condition | in a moment | in stock |
| in confidence | in a good/bad mood | in the streets |
| in control (of) | in the mood | in succession |
| in the country | in the morning | in the suburbs |
| in danger | in name only (= not in reality) | in the sun/shade |
| in the dark | in need of | in good/bad taste |
| in debt | in the news | in tears |
| in demand | in a newspaper | in theory |
| in detail | in the name of (= on behalf of) | in a tick |
| (be) in difficulty | in the nick of time | in time |
| in the direction of | in the north/south | in no time |
| in doubt | in a nutshell | in touch |
| in a (blue) dress, suit, etc. | in oils | in town |
| in the end (= finally) | in the open | in tune (with) |
| in exchange for | in one's opinion | in turn |
| in existence | in orbit | in two/half |
| in fact | in order of/to | in uniform |
| in fashion | in other words | in use |
| in favour of | in pain | in vain |
| in flames | in pairs | in view of |
| in the flesh | in the park | in a loud/low voice |
| in one's free time | in particular | in a way (= in a manner) |
| in fun | in the past | in the way |
| in (the) future | in person | in writing |
| | in pieces | in a word |



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<p>On</p>	<p>on account of on a ... afternoon/evening on the agenda on the air on approval on arrival on average on bail on balance on the beach on behalf of on one's birthday on board on the border on business on call on a campsite (at a campsite) on the coast on condition on the contrary on credit on a(n) cruise/excursion/trip/tour on (a ...) day on demand on a diet on duty</p>	<p>on earth on edge on an expedition on a farm (but: in a field) on fire on the (4th) floor (of) on the floor on foot on the one hand on the other hand on holiday on horseback on impulse on the increase on an island (but: in the mountains) on a journey on one's knees on leave on the left/right on loan on the market (= available to the public) on one's mind on that morning on the move on New Year's Day on the news on order</p>	<p>on the outskirts on one's own on page ... on parade on the pavement on the phone on a platform on principle on purpose on the radio/TV on the River Seine on sale on schedule on (the) screen on second thoughts on sight on the sofa on this street/on the street(s) on strike on good/bad terms on time on top (of) on the trail of on a trip on the way (to) (= as I was going) on the whole</p>
<p>Out of</p>	<p>out of breath out of character out of condition out of control out of danger out of date out of debt out of doors out of fashion</p>	<p>out of focus out of hand out of luck out of order out of the ordinary out of place out of practice out of print out of the question</p>	<p>out of reach out of season out of sight out of step out of stock out of tune out of turn out of use out of work</p>
<p>Off</p>	<p>off air off colour off duty</p>	<p>off limits off the map off the point</p>	<p>off the record off the road off school/work</p>
<p>Under</p>	<p>under age under arrest under one's breath under control</p>	<p>under discussion under the impression under orders</p>	<p>under pressure under repair under the weather</p>



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Against	against the law
Ahead	ahead of schedule/time
Before	before long
Behind	behind schedule, behind the times
From	from time to time, from now on, from experience, from memory, from scratch
Into	into pieces
To	to one's astonishment, to one's surprise, to this day, to some extent
With	with regard to, with a view to (+ -ing form)
Within	within minutes/seconds/hours
Without	without delay, without fail, without success, without warning

Prepositions of Place/Movement/Time

1 Underline the correct preposition.

- Tom hid **through/behind** the door to surprise his sister.
- A: Do you live in Smith Street?
B: Yes. My house is **near/along** the park.
- I'll meet you **along/outside** the cinema at seven o'clock.
- John's ladder was leaning **against/onto** the wall.
- A: Where's Steve?
B: He's **in/on** the garden, playing football.
- Jane sat **outside/next to** Sarah in the English lesson.
- He found his watch **from/under** his bed.
- We didn't see the turning. In fact, we drove straight **past/towards** it.
- She hung the mirror **up/over** the fireplace.
- He walked **between/along** the street, looking in the shop windows.
- A: Why are you so tired?
B: Because I ran all the way **above/from** the station.
- The new supermarket is **opposite/among** the library.

2 Choose the correct item.

- My school is the department store and the park.
A between B below C among
- What's this box? It's very heavy.
A onto B opposite C inside
- A tall man sat me, so I couldn't see.
A next to B in front of C towards
- This train goes London to Leeds.
A through B from C near
- The Thames is the river that runs London.
A across B among C through
- John's flat is on the second floor, the chemist's.
A above B on C along
- There was a pretty picnic area the trees.
A in B along C among
- She got the bus and went into a shop.
A against B off C down