

PREPOSITIONS

“English usage is something more than mere taste, judgement, and education--sometimes it’s sheer luck, like getting across a street.” - E. B. White

Prepositions usually precede nouns or pronouns to create prepositional phrases. This phrase then modifies another word in the sentence.

Common prepositions:

about	below	in	since
above	beside	near	than
across	between	next	through
after	by	of	to
along	concerning	off	toward
among	considering	on	under
around	despite	opposite	underneath
as	down	out	unlike
at	during	over	until
before	except	past	upon
behind	for	respecting	without

Example prepositional phrases:

into the fire	at the presentation	unlike you
over the mountain	before noon	despite her mother
past the house	for three weeks	on the porch
after realising where he was	without considering her actions	among the dandelions