

# I. ONE WORD PREPOSITIONS

| Preposition                             | Meaning | Example                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| * <b>aboard</b>                         |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We went aboard the boat</li> <li>Is there a doctor aboard the plane?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                      |
| * <b>about</b>                          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think about Mary?</li> <li>Let's talk about something different.</li> <li>I've just read a book about President Kennedy.</li> <li>The lion was pacing about its cage.</li> </ul>                         |
| * <b>above</b>                          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are flying above the clouds.</li> <li>We live in the hills, 1,000 metres above sea-level.</li> <li>It's only two degrees above freezing point. [+2°C]</li> <li>Who came above you in the test results?</li> </ul> |
| * <b>across</b>                         |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We drove across the desert.</li> <li>The dog ran across the road.</li> <li>There is a bridge across the river.</li> </ul>                                                                                            |
| * <b>after (also conj.)</b>             |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We had lunch [1pm] after the meeting [11am].</li> <li>Let's meet the day after tomorrow.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  |
| * <b>against</b>                        |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did you vote for or against the suggestion?</li> <li>He put his bicycle against the wall.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                 |
| * <b>along</b>                          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We walked along the beach for two miles.</li> <li>There are trees along the road.</li> <li>The toilet is along the corridor.</li> </ul>                                                                              |
| * <b>alongside</b>                      |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Their boat came alongside our boat.</li> <li>Team A worked alongside Team B during construction.</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
| * <b>amid</b>                           |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I couldn't hear her amid the noise.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| * <b>amidst (poetic)</b>                |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We were lost amidst the trees.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| * <b>among</b><br>* <b>amongst (UK)</b> |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a doctor among us?</li> <li>There were secret police among the crowd.</li> <li>I was amongst strangers. I didn't know anyone.</li> </ul>                                                                    |
| * <b>anti</b>                           |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He seems to be anti my idea.</li> <li>Some people are anti everything.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>around</b>                           |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We walked around the town for an hour.</li> <li>They all sat around the camp fire.</li> <li>There is a big fence around the house.</li> <li>He was born around 1570.</li> <li>Let's meet around 7pm.</li> </ul>      |
| <b>as (also conj.)</b>                  |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He is working as a waiter.</li> <li>The risk is as nothing compared to the profit.</li> <li>Ram is as tall as Anthony.</li> </ul>                                                                                    |
| <b>astride</b>                          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She sat astride the horse.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>at</b>                               |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He is at school.</li> <li>We first met at a party.</li> <li>Let's start the meeting at 9 o'clock.</li> <li>He started work at 17 (years of age).</li> <li>We are aiming at sales of \$1,000,000.</li> </ul>          |
| <b>atop (poetic)</b>                    |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The church is situated atop a hill.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>bar</b>                              |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone came bar Angela.</li> <li>He is the best bar none.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>barring</b>                          |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barring rain, we'll play tennis tomorrow.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>before(also conj)</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had lunch [1pm] before the meeting [3pm].</li> <li>• We met the day before yesterday.</li> <li>• She was before me in the queue.</li> <li>• I would rather die before doing that.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>behind</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a police car behind us. It's following us.</li> <li>• We have a garden behind our house.</li> <li>• The child was hiding behind the tree.</li> <li>• I am behind your project. I will support it.</li> <li>• Vonica finished behind Shirley in the race.</li> <li>• She is behind the other children in her class.</li> </ul>                                                    |
| <b>below</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much of Holland is below sea-level.</li> <li>• There is a family in the flat below us.</li> <li>• The temperature is 5 degrees below freezing point. [-5°C]</li> <li>• I came below Vonica in the test.</li> <li>• You can buy it if it's below \$50.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>beneath</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our garage is beneath our house.</li> <li>• The tunnel runs beneath the sea.</li> <li>• Laurence is beneath the General Manager.</li> <li>• It was beneath his dignity to do that.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>beside</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The river runs beside our house.</li> <li>• James was sitting beside Miriam.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>besides</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What shall we have besides coffee?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>between</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tara was sitting between Ram and Ati.</li> <li>• Between you and me, I think she's crazy.</li> <li>• I can meet you between 1pm and 2pm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>beyond</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you see someone in the distance, beyond that house?</li> <li>• This is too difficult. It's beyond me.</li> <li>• The meeting continued beyond midnight.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>but(also conj.)</b>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone came but Andrea.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>by</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We came by car.</li> <li>• Fireworks were invented by the Chinese.</li> <li>• He was shot by a professional killer.</li> <li>• It happened by accident.</li> <li>• He lost the race by five seconds.</li> <li>• The room is 10 metres by 6 metres.</li> <li>• We must finish by Tuesday.</li> <li>• We were sitting by the window.</li> <li>• By my calculation he must be 73.</li> </ul> |
| <b>circa</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He died circa 1270.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>concerning</b>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your teacher talked to me concerning your homework.</li> <li>• I have some questions concerning your decision.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>considering</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considering the poor quality, I think the price is too high.</li> <li>• I think I must begoing, considering the time.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>counting</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were four people, or five counting the baby.</li> <li>• That makes \$70, not counting the tax.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>cum</b>               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have a study-cum-bedroom.</li> <li>• She is a kind of secretary-cum-receptionist.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>despite</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We went swimming despite the cold water.</li> <li>• He passed the test despite being ill.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>down</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They ran down the hill.</li> <li>• The post office is down the road.</li> <li>• They have had many wars down the years.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>during</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He fell asleep during the meeting.</li> <li>• I want to go swimming during the weekend.</li> <li>• I was bored during the whole film.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>except</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can have any colour except blue.</li> <li>• They all came except Stephen.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>excepting</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can eat anything excepting pork.</li> <li>• Excepting Jo, everyone was present.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>excluding</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It costs \$70, excluding \$10 for delivery. (Total = \$80.)</li> <li>• We open every day excluding Christmas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>following</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had coffee following lunch.</li> <li>• He couldn't work following his illness.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>for(also conj.)</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is for you.</li> <li>• Do you want to go for a walk?</li> <li>• You use a corkscrew for opening bottles.</li> <li>• Cigarettes are bad for you.</li> <li>• I'm saving for a new car.</li> <li>• Is this the road for Rome?</li> <li>• They passed me over for John.</li> <li>• Is this the train for Cambridge?</li> <li>• I bought it for \$10.</li> <li>• We worked for three hours.</li> <li>• Keep walking for two kilometres.</li> </ul> |
| <b>from</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do you come from?</li> <li>• This letter is from my wife.</li> <li>• I bought this car from Henry.</li> <li>• They prevented me from entering.</li> <li>• My car is different from yours.</li> <li>• We worked from Monday to Wednesday.</li> <li>• Paper is made from wood.</li> <li>• It can cost anything from \$5 to \$15.</li> <li>• The police took my driving licence from me.</li> <li>• He died from overwork.</li> </ul>           |
| <b>given</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is in very good health, given his age.</li> <li>• Given the time, you ought to leave now.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>gone(UK)</b>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's certainly gone 11 o'clock. It must be 11.30.</li> <li>• He's gone 50. He must be nearly 60 years old.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>in</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monkeys live in the jungle.</li> <li>• John is the man with his hand in his pocket.</li> <li>• I live in an apartment.</li> <li>• She lives in Bangkok.</li> <li>• Tara was born in 1977.</li> <li>• Trains were invented in the nineteenth century.</li> <li>• I'll come back in two weeks.</li> <li>• Let's meet in the morning.</li> <li>• There are 60 seconds in a minute.</li> </ul>                                                         |
| <b>including</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The price is \$70 including \$10 for delivery. (Total = \$70.)</li> <li>• There were four of us, including the baby.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>inside</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was dark inside the tunnel.</li> <li>• My modem is inside my computer. It's an internal modem.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>into</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John went into that shop.</li> <li>• If you heat ice it turns into water.</li> <li>• We cut the cake into ten pieces.</li> <li>• Five into ten makes two.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>less</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 less 3 = 7.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>like</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is like her sister.</li> <li>• She sings like a bird.</li> <li>• It's not like John to complain.</li> <li>• Do it like this.</li> <li>• I feel like swimming.</li> <li>• It looks like rain.</li> <li>• I want something cold, like iced-coffee.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Minus</b>                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 minus 3 = 7.</li> <li>• The temperature is minus 30 degrees centigrade.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>near</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is near the post office.</li> <li>• It's 20 December. We are very near Christmas Day.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>notwithstanding</b>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notwithstanding the low price, I don't want it.</li> <li>• They went swimming, notwithstanding the rain.</li> <li>• They went swimming, the rain notwithstanding</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>of</b>                     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I live in the house at the end of the road.</li> <li>• Where is the key of the car?</li> <li>• Do you like the work of Shakespeare?</li> <li>• What was the cost of this book?</li> <li>• He lives in the City of Westminster.</li> <li>• It was kind of you to help me.</li> <li>• This is the cause of the problem.</li> <li>• He died of cancer.</li> <li>• Most tables are made of wood.</li> <li>• Can I have a cup of coffee?</li> <li>• I know some of these people.</li> <li>• I don't know any of these people.</li> <li>• He lives south of London.</li> <li>• He lives in the south of London.</li> </ul> |
| <b>off</b>                    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please take your shoes off the table.</li> <li>• Keep off the grass.</li> <li>• It fell off the table and broke.</li> <li>• They live in a street off Fifth Avenue.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>on</b>                     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please don't put your shoes on the table.</li> <li>• The picture is on page 7.</li> <li>• We live on a busy road. It's very noisy.</li> <li>• She is sunbathing on the beach.</li> <li>• Is there water on the Moon?</li> <li>• I need a book on bio-chemistry.</li> <li>• My birthday is on Monday.</li> <li>• I start work on 7 May.</li> <li>• Let's meet on the weekend. (US)</li> <li>• I'll see you on Christmas Day.</li> <li>• You must be on time.</li> <li>• He broke his leg on getting out of the car.</li> </ul>                                                                                        |
| <b>onto(US)<br/>see on to</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cat jumped onto the chair.</li> <li>• The police are onto us. (slang)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>opposite</b>               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a post office opposite my house.</li> <li>• She sat opposite him and looked into his eyes.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>outside</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't live in London. I live outside London.</li> <li>• It was very cold outside the car.</li> <li>• This is outside my scope.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>over</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are flying over the mountains.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put the blanket over the bed.</li> <li>The cat jumped over the wall.</li> <li>Let's discuss it over dinner.</li> <li>The king ruled over the country for many years.</li> <li>The town is just over the border.</li> <li>It cost over \$50. It was \$53.25.</li> <li>There is rain over the whole country.</li> <li>It took over an hour to do my homework.</li> <li>The population has increased over the past twenty years.</li> <li>Can you stay with us over Christmas?</li> </ul> |
| <b>past</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The post office is just past the police station.</li> <li>Don't work past your bed-time.</li> <li>This is difficult. It's past me.</li> <li>It's nearly ten minutes past five. 5.09 to be precise</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>pending</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I saw you yesterday when we drove past your school.</li> <li>We cannot supply you pending payment.</li> <li>Pending his return, we can do nothing.</li> <li>There were many arguments pending the negotiations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>per</b>                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The speed limit is 70 miles per hour.</li> <li>The carpet costs \$10 per square metre.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>plus</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 plus 2 = 4.</li> <li>There will be three of us, plus the baby.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>pro</b>                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are you pro capital punishment?</li> <li>He is generally pro new ideas.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>re</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re: your letter dated 21 May</li> <li>I want to talk to you re the proposed meeting.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>regarding</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to speak to you regarding my homework.</li> <li>Regarding John, let's talk later.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>respecting</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to speak to you respecting my homework.</li> <li>I am writing to you respecting our latest products.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>round</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I live round the corner.</li> <li>They all sat round the fire.</li> <li>There is a hedge round the house.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>save(formal)</b>         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All save Mrs Jones were present.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>saving(formal)</b>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saving yourself, nobody thanked me.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>since(also conj.)</b>    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I haven't seen Josef since Monday.</li> <li>Mr Brown has worked in a bank since 1985.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>than(also conj.)</b>     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He is a writer than whom there is no finer.</li> <li>Your car is bigger than my car.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>through<br/>thru(US)</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The train goes through a tunnel.</li> <li>I can see light through the keyhole.</li> <li>You have been through a difficult experience.</li> <li>You went through a red light.</li> <li>The error occurred through my own stupidity.</li> <li>They worked Monday through Thursday. [US]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>throughout</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is raining throughout the whole country.</li> <li>He worked throughout the day, and most of the night.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>till(also conj.)</b>     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I work from 9am till 5pm.</li> <li>Please wait till I come.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>to</b>                   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could you give this to Kob?</li> <li>My car does 10 miles to the litre.</li> <li>To his surprise, the door was open.</li> <li>The museum is open from Monday to Friday.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The time is ten to five. [4.50]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>touching</b>                      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touching your homework, I think we need to speak.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>toward(US)<br/>towards(UK)</b>    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He drove off toward(s) the mountain.</li> <li>• I'd better go. It's getting toward(s) midnight.</li> <li>• He contributed \$100,000 toward(s) the new building.</li> <li>• It's the first step toward(s) peace.</li> <li>• He has a positive attitude toward(s) his work.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>under</b>                         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mouse ran under the chair.</li> <li>• The bucket is under the sink.</li> <li>• Submarines can travel under water.</li> <li>• We drove under a bridge.</li> <li>• I have a T-shirt under my pullover.</li> <li>• Who do you work under? Who is your boss?</li> <li>• I am under orders from the President.</li> <li>• What is the subject under discussion?</li> <li>• Under the company rules, we can't do that.</li> <li>• Please buy it if it's under \$50.</li> </ul>                |
| <b>underneath</b>                    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nurse put a pillow underneath his head.</li> <li>• There is a big cellar underneath our house.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>unlike</b>                        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That's very unusual. It's unlike Andrea to be so rude.</li> <li>• This problem is unlike any we have met before.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>until(formal,<br/>also conj.)</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They continued the meeting until 11pm.</li> <li>• Please wait until I come.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>up</b>                            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack and Jill ran up the hill.</li> <li>• There is a post office up the street.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>upon (formal)</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please don't put your shoes upon the table.</li> <li>• There are now no dinosaurs upon Earth.</li> <li>• I need a book upon bio-chemistry.</li> <li>• We met upon a Monday.</li> <li>• He broke his leg upon getting out of the car.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>with</b>                          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do you live with your parents?</b></li> <li>• <b>He's been with EnglishClub.com for two years.</b></li> <li>• <b>I discussed it with her.</b></li> <li>• <b>With your permission, I'd like to go.</b></li> <li>• <b>If you mix red with yellow you get orange.</b></li> <li>• <b>Muriel is the girl with black hair.</b></li> <li>• <b>Do you want to come with us?</b></li> <li>• <b>I made this chair with my own hands.</b></li> <li>• <b>You'll forget her with time.</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>within</b>                        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There is a modem within the computer.</b></li> <li>• <b>I will finish within 30 minutes.</b></li> <li>• <b>He lives within 10 miles of his work.</b></li> <li>• <b>It's not within my power to help you.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>without</b>                       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I want trousers without buttons.</b></li> <li>• <b>I came without my wife because she is working.</b></li> <li>• <b>He watched without speaking.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>worth</b>                         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This car is worth \$10,000.</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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## II. COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

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| <b>according to</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to John, Mary was late. I believe John.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>ahead of</b>     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthony is ahead of Rachel in the race. He'll win.</li> </ul> |

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|                               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a long day ahead of us. Let's get going!</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| <b>à la(from French)</b>      |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's a TV show à la CNN. Same style, similar content.</li> </ul>                                                                                  |
| <b>along with</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you want some pork along with the chicken?</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| <b>apart from</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nobody objected apart from you, so we did it.</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| <b>as for</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for Matt, he will arrive later.</li> </ul>                                                                                                     |
| <b>aside from</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have another car aside from this one. Both are red.</li> </ul>                                                                                  |
| <b>as per</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We must work strictly as per the law.</li> </ul>                                                                                                  |
| <b>as to</b>                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As to your behaviour, I think you were wrong.</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| <b>as well as</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should telephone as well as write, just to be sure.</li> </ul>                                                                                |
| <b>away from</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cat ran away from the dog and escaped.</li> </ul>                                                                                             |
| <b>because of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can't play tennis because of the rain.</li> </ul>                                                                                              |
| <b>but for</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's your fault! But for you, I'd have been on time.</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| <b>by means of</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You open a door by means of its handle.</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| <b>close to</b>               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My car is close to your car. About two cars away.</li> </ul>                                                                                      |
| <b>contrary to</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contrary to expectations, the euro fell in value.</li> </ul>                                                                                      |
| <b>depending on</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We'll play tennis tomorrow, depending on the rain.</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| <b>due to</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cancellation was due to the rain. There was no other reason.</li> </ul>                                                                       |
| <b>except for</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone was present, except for Mary. She stayed at home.</li> </ul>                                                                             |
| <b>forward of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He was sitting forward of me in the plane. I could just see the back of his head.</li> </ul>                                                      |
| <b>further to</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further to your letter, I have spoken to Mr Brown.</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| <b>in addition to</b>         |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were two people in addition to me. So that made three of us.</li> </ul>                                                                     |
| <b>in between</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He is in between the two opinions. He wants to compromise.</li> </ul>                                                                             |
| <b>in case of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can phone me in case of need. Day or night.</li> </ul>                                                                                        |
| <b>in face of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He reacts bravely in face of danger.</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |
| <b>in favour of</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am not in favour of your idea. It won't work.</li> </ul>                                                                                        |
| <b>in front of</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can park your car in front of my house.</li> <li>• I couldn't see the film because the woman in front of me was wearing a big hat.</li> </ul> |
| <b>in lieu of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't have any dollars. Can I pay euro in lieu of dollars?</li> </ul>                                                                           |
| <b>in spite of</b>            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We went swimming in spite of the cold water.</li> </ul>                                                                                           |
| <b>instead of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We don't have any tea. Would you like coffee instead of tea?</li> </ul>                                                                           |
| <b>in view of</b>             |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In view of your illness, we will wait for a week.</li> </ul>                                                                                      |
| <b>irrespective of</b>        |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't like it, irrespective of what you say.</li> <li>• Irrespective of the price, I don't want it. Price isn't everything.</li> </ul>          |
| <b>near to</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a restaurant near to my office. Just two minutes away.</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| <b>next to</b>                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is next to the bank. Between the hotel and the bank.</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| <b>on account of</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't worry on account of me. Think about yourself.</li> </ul>                                                                                    |
| <b>on behalf of</b>           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'm calling you on behalf of Mr Brown. I represent him in legal matters.</li> </ul>                                                               |
| <b>on board</b>               |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a doctor on board this plane?</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| <b>on to(UK)<br/>see onto</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cat jumped on to the chair.</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |
| <b>on top of</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cat is sitting on top of the television.</li> </ul>                                                                                           |



- c) outside
- c) off
- c) behind
- c) as
- c) by
- c) versus
- c) gone
- c) unlike
- c) cum

c) without

- c) until
- c) pending
- c) saving
- c) of
- c) up
- c) considering
- c) down
- c) regarding
- c) as

c) astride

- c) up
- c) like
- c) via
- c) over
- c) on
- c) about

- c) with
- c) up
- c) since

1 Muriel is the girl                      black hair.

- ## QUIZ 6 ONE-WORD PREPOSITIONS

- ## QUIZ 7 ONE-WORD PREPOSITIONS

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- 4 There were secret police \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd.  
a) among b) concerning c) except
- 5 They all sat \_\_\_\_\_ the fire.  
a) via b) down c) round
- 6 They continued the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ 11pm.  
a) until b) in c) along
- 7 They ran \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.  
a) aboard b) down c) worth
- 8 They went swimming, \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.  
a) at b) minus c) notwithstanding
- 9 This car is \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000.  
a) counting b) worth c) unlike
- 10 This is difficult. It's \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
a) until b) than c) past

### QUIZ 8 ONE-WORD PREPOSITIONS

- 1 This is the cause \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.  
a) on b) of c) off
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ his surprise, the door was open.  
a) To b) On c) At
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ your homework, I think we need to speak.  
a) Touching b) Aboard c) Behind
- 4 Trains were invented \_\_\_\_\_ the nineteenth century.  
a) at b) since c) in
- 5 We are aiming \_\_\_\_\_ sales of \$1,000,000.  
a) to b) at c) on
- 6 We are flying \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds.  
a) above b) gone c) except
- 7 We cut the cake \_\_\_\_\_ ten pieces.  
a) onto b) into c) above
- 8 We drove \_\_\_\_\_ the desert.  
a) aboard b) across c) concerning
- 9 We flew from Paris to Bangkok \_\_\_\_\_ Dubai.  
a) at b) between c) via
- 10 We had lunch \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.  
a) astride b) bar c) after

### QUIZ 9 ONE-WORD PREPOSITIONS

- 1 We met the day \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
a) before b) despite c) versus
- 2 We open every day \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day.  
a) excluding b) anti c) gone
- 3 We walked \_\_\_\_\_ the beach for two miles.  
a) under b) along c) outside
- 4 We went \_\_\_\_\_ the boat.  
a) since b) aboard c) worth
- 5 We worked \_\_\_\_\_ Monday to Wednesday.  
a) in b) from c) at
- 6 What do you think \_\_\_\_\_ Mary?  
a) about b) off c) via
- 7 What shall we have \_\_\_\_\_ coffee?  
a) minus b) of c) besides
- 8 You can buy it if it's \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.  
a) below b) among c) notwithstanding
- 9 You can have any colour \_\_\_\_\_ blue.  
a) until b) to c) except



- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ a) on behalf of                      b) contrary to                      c) in between  
 your illness, we will wait for a week.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a) In lieu of                      b) In view of                      c) Next to  
 Is there a doctor \_\_\_\_\_ this plane?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ a) on board                      b) on top of                      c) but for  
 It's a TV show \_\_\_\_\_ CNN. Same style, similar content.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ a) up to                      b) à la                      c) save for  
 It's your fault! \_\_\_\_\_ you, I'd have been on time.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ a) But for                      b) As to                      c) In favour of  
 My car is \_\_\_\_\_ your car. About two cars away.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a) on behalf of                      b) close to                      c) up until

### QUIZ 13 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

- 1 Nobody objected \_\_\_\_\_ you, so we did it.  
 a) apart from                      b) opposite to                      c) as well as
- 2 Sorry, no whisky. But we have every drink \_\_\_\_\_ whisky.  
 a) up against                      b) other than                      c) as per
- 3 Take your hands \_\_\_\_\_ your pockets and help me!  
 a) ahead of                      b) out of                      c) due to
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Shirley, we arrived on time.  
 a) Out of                      b) Thanks to                      c) On board
- 5 The cancellation was \_\_\_\_\_ the rain. No other reason.  
 a) close to                      b) on to                      c) due to
- 6 The cat is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the television.  
 a) on top of                      b) on to                      c) as well as
- 7 The cat jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.  
 a) in case of                      b) other than                      c) on to
- 8 The cat ran \_\_\_\_\_ the dog and escaped.  
 a) away from                      b) thanks to                      c) with regard to
- 9 The school's \_\_\_\_\_ the bank. Between the hotel and bank.  
 a) in front of                      b) next to                      c) on account of
- 10 The woman \_\_\_\_\_ me was wearing a big hat.  
 a) further to                      b) as to                      c) in front of

### QUIZ 14 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

- 1 There is a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ my office. Two minutes away.  
 a) except for                      b) near to                      c) preparatory to
- 2 There is a tree \_\_\_\_\_ the house. Straight across the road.  
 a) forward of                      b) in lieu of                      c) opposite to
- 3 There was a shop here \_\_\_\_\_ 1990. It closed that year.  
 a) up to                      b) aside from                      c) in face of
- 4 There were two people \_\_\_\_\_ me. So that made three.  
 a) as for                      b) on board                      c) in addition to
- 5 They stopped \_\_\_\_\_ the city to check the map.  
 a) but for                      b) outside of                      c) contrary to
- 6 We are \_\_\_\_\_ a powerful enemy.  
 a) up against                      b) save for                      c) on behalf of
- 7 We can't play tennis \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.  
 a) as for                      b) other than                      c) because of
- 8 We didn't go swimming, \_\_\_\_\_ the cold weather.  
 a) on behalf of                      b) owing to                      c) with reference to
- 9 We don't have any tea. Would you like coffee \_\_\_\_\_ tea?  
 a) out of                      b) instead of                      c) by means of
- 10 We have a long day \_\_\_\_\_ us. Let's get going!  
 a) up until                      b) ahead of                      c) but for

### QUIZ 15 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

- ## QUIZ 16 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

- ## QUIZ 17 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

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- 7 Mary starts work \_\_\_\_\_ 9.30am and finishes after 6pm.  
a) in b) during c) at
- 8 The sun is usually highest \_\_\_\_\_ noon.  
a) during b) in c) at
- 9 The traffic is very bad \_\_\_\_\_ the morning and afternoon.  
a) at b) on c) during
- 10 Most people sleep \_\_\_\_\_ night but I have to work.  
a) during b) at c) in

### QUIZ 18 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Anna, the film was good. But in my opinion it was boring.  
A. Except for B. From C. According to D. Thanks to
- 2 I have all my books \_\_\_\_\_ my dictionary, which I left at home.  
A. regardless of B. through C. except for D. in front of
- 3 He ran very fast and won the race \_\_\_\_\_ 10 seconds.  
A. by B. on C. instead of D. beneath
- 4 Nok bought her book \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 but mine cost me \$25.  
A. for B. in C. save for D. at
- 5 Who did you buy it \_\_\_\_\_? Have they got any more?  
A. of B. from C. out of D. for
- 6 It's always your fault if you hit the car \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
A. on board B. in front of C. since D. behind
- 7 The ticket costs \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ age. No special price for children.  
A. inside B. close to C. regardless of D. on behalf of
- 8 Their meal arrived, \_\_\_\_\_ a free bottle of wine.  
A. astride B. according to C. together with D. thanks to
- 9 Oil doesn't mix \_\_\_\_\_ water. It stays separated.  
A. with B. further to C. at D. for
- 10 It was good \_\_\_\_\_ her to help. She has her own problems.  
A. forward of B. off C. of D. on

### QUIZ 19 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

1. That's typical of Tina. It's just \_\_\_\_\_ her to complain.  
A. like B. until C. concerning
2. I can't talk now. But we can talk about it \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tonight.  
A. over B. on to C. within
3. Come \_\_\_\_\_ 9 o'clock. Any time from 8.30 to 9.30 is ok.  
A. around B. throughout C. up to
4. If the sea rises, some countries will be \_\_\_\_\_ sea-level.  
A. pending B. outside of C. below
5. Everybody came at 9am, \_\_\_\_\_ Neil who came at 10am.  
A. apart from B. underneath C. up against
6. There is a good view from my hotel because it is \_\_\_\_\_ a hill.  
A. in B. except c. on top of
7. She started to walk \_\_\_\_\_ the man, but he followed her.  
A. down B. away from C. out of
8. They sat \_\_\_\_\_ each other in the cinema and held hands.  
A. below B. next to C. via
9. There are 31 days \_\_\_\_\_ December.  
A. in B. on C. into
10. I sat in the back, \_\_\_\_\_ the driver. Andrea sat in front.  
A. in face of B. to C. behind

### QUIZ 20 COMPLEX PREPOSITIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the rain, they did not play tennis.  
A. Worth B. Owing to C. On behalf of
2. Can I have fish \_\_\_\_\_ chicken? Chicken makes me sick.

- A. across                      B. instead of                      C. together with
3. There were ten people \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
- A. at                      B. on    C. on board
4. The ticket is \$5 or \$10, \_\_\_\_\_ your age. How old are you?
- A. above                      B. out of                      C. depending on
5. I work \_\_\_\_\_ Dr Hudson. I will have to ask him for permission.
- A. since                      B. under                      C. as for
6. After his wife died he went \_\_\_\_\_ a very bad time.
- A. with                      B. through                      C. preparatory to
7. There was a good film \_\_\_\_\_ television last night.
- A. in                      B. as to                      C. on
8. You should take paper \_\_\_\_\_ a pen. They don't have either.
- A. as                      B. as well as                      C. except for
9. Do I have to pay tax \_\_\_\_\_ this charge? Or is it included?
- A. in addition to                      B. onto                      C. counting
10. I'm phoning \_\_\_\_\_ your recent order.
- A. opposite                      B. in between                      C. with reference to

- ANSWERS: Q.1      1C, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6C, 7B, 8A, 9A, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.2      1A, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5B, 6C, 7C, 8C, 9B, 10A**
- ANSWERS: Q.3      1C, 2B, 3B, 4A, 5B, 6A, 7C, 8A, 9C, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.4      1B, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5C, 6B, 7B, 8A, 9C, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.5      1C, 2B, 3A, 4A, 5C, 6A, 7C, 8A, 9B, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.6      1A, 2B, 3C, 4C, 5B, 6A, 7A, 8A, 9C, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.7      1C, 2C, 3A, 4A, 5C, 6A, 7B, 8C, 9B, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.8      1B, 2A, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6A, 7B, 8B, 9C, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.9      1A, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6A, 7C, 8A, 9C, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.10      1A, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5C, 6A, 7C, 8A, 9C, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.11      1A, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5C, 6B, 7C, 8C, 9A, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.12      1B, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5A, 6B, 7A, 8B, 9A, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.13      1A, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5C, 6A, 7C, 8A, 9B, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.14      1B, 2C, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6A, 7C, 8B, 9B, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.15      1C, 2A, 3A, 4C, 5A, 6C, 7C, 8A, 9C, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.16      1B, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 9B, 10A**
- ANSWERS: Q.17      1B, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7C, 8C, 9C, 10B**
- ANSWERS: Q.18      1C, 2C, 3A, 4A, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8C, 9A, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.19      1A, 2A, 3A, 4C, 5A, 6C, 7B, 8B, 9A, 10C**
- ANSWERS: Q.20      1B, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8B, 9A, 10C**