

Prepositions of position

You can use prepositions to show where an object is positioned, in relation to something else, such as whether it is placed on the surface of something, inside something, or in another position.

Some common prepositions of position are:

On:

She placed the lid on the cooker.

Above:

“The plane flew over the houses.”

“In front of:

“The books should go in front of the other items.”

Prepositions of time

Different prepositions can be used to indicate time in specific ways:

At:

this can be used to indicate a specific time, for example:

“We are arriving at 22.50.”

In:

this is used to express events taking place during lengthy periods of time, such as a month or year, for example:

“They first moved to the country in 1978.”

“We are going on holiday in March.”

On:

Like “in” this is used for specific points in time – in this case, you use this preposition to indicate particular dates or days. For example:

“He’s moving in on Saturday.”