

Preposition grammar

Prepositions usually refer to place, time, position, manner or reason. They may be at the beginning of a phrase, eg near the station, in the afternoon, beside the tree, with understanding, for lunch.

Preposition	Example	Referring to
on	The computer is on the desk.	position
with	She went with the teacher.	manner
of	Her love of music encouraged her to sing.	reason
after	He promised to clean up after school.	time
before	She had breakfast before cleaning her teeth.	time
at	We met at the park.	place
under	The cat ran under the table.	position
over	He went over the wall to get the ball.	position
in	The purse was in the handbag.	position
for	Fatty foods are bad for you.	reason
from	The shoes came from China.	place
by	She came by bus.	manner