

Common Prepositions

Prepositions are words placed before a noun or pronoun to define its relationship with another word in the sentence.

Note: Many prepositions can have multiple meanings. These are only a few examples.

Here is a word bank of some of the most commonly used prepositions.

to	without	out
up	within	beneath
on	through	after
about	towards	beside
for	over	past
of	into	off
under	down	during
onto	with	behind

Provide the correct preposition in each of the following sentences. Use the meanings provided as a clue to help you choose which prepositions to use.

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| 1. The schedule is ____ display. | -Can indicate a state or condition . |
| 2. I heard about the TLC _____ friends. | -Can mean by means of . |
| 3. Her behaviour _____ me is unacceptable. | -Indicates attitude about something. |
| 4. Let me read ____ my notes. | - Again . |
| 5. Let's split ____ the earnings. | - Division into pieces . |
| 6. You sing ____ your voice. | -Indicates instrument or tool used for an action. |
| 7. We managed to make something _____ nothing. | -Indicates ingredients or composition (2 words). |
| 8. The cat pounced _____ the unsuspecting insect. | - Movement to something |
| 9. We fought ____ who could have the last slice of cake. | -Indicates topic . |
| 10. The two friends walked ____ the beach. | - Following the boundary of . |
| 11. He brought his car ____ the mechanic. | - Transfer from a person or place. |
| 12. I was in New Orleans _____ Mardi Gras. | - At the same time as another event . |
| 13. The cats belong ____ June. | - Ownership, membership, or connection . |
| 14. Apple was run _____ Steve Jobs. | - Control . |
| 15. Mr. Darcy will arrive _____ the end of the week. | - Less than a distance/period of time . |

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Answer Key:

1. Can indicate a **state** or **condition**. Ex: The schedule is on display.
2. Can mean **by means of**. Ex: I heard about the TLC from friends.
3. Indicates **attitude** about something. Ex: Her behaviour towards me is unacceptable.
4. **Again**. Ex: Let me read over my notes.
5. **Division into pieces**. Ex: Let's split up the earnings.
6. Indicates **instrument or tool used** for an action. Ex: You sing with your voice.
7. Indicates **ingredients** or **composition** (2 words). Ex: We managed to make something out of nothing.
8. **Movement to** something. Ex: The cat pounced onto the unsuspecting insect.
9. Indicates **topic**. Ex: We fought about who could have the last slice of cake.
10. **Following the boundary of**. Ex: The two friends walked along the beach.
11. **Transfer** from a person or place. Ex: He introduced his cousin to me.
12. **At the same time as another event**. Ex: I was in New Orleans during Mardi Gras.
13. **Ownership, membership, or connection**. Ex: The cats belong to June.
14. **Control**. Ex: Apple was run by Steve Jobs.
15. **Less than a distance/period of time**. Ex: Mr. Darcy will arrive by the end of the week.