

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.

Most common prepositions

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

Exercise:

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.

*For screen reader users, the gaps are indicated by a * sign.*

- 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**.*

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| 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 . |

Answer Key:

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| 1) on | 9) about |
| 2) from | 10) along |
| 3) behaviour | 11) to |
| 4) over | 12) during |
| 5) up | 13) to |
| 6) With | 14) by |
| 7) out of | 15) by |
| 8) onto | |