


## Prepositions

A preposition is a word that relates or connects words in a sentence to each other. Prepositions can show direction, place, or time as well as other relationships. All prepositions have *objects*. The *object of a preposition* is the word or phrase it refers or relates to. A preposition and its object together are called a *prepositional phrase*. In most cases, the preposition comes just before its object.

  
Ashley and Carlos went **to** school.


In the sentence above, **to** is a preposition that shows direction. It connects Ashley and Carlos to the place they went. The word *school* is the object of the preposition.

  
The cat hid **under** the sofa.

In the example above, *under* is a preposition that shows place or where the cat is. The word *sofa* is the object of the preposition.

  
Our lesson is **at** four o'clock.

The preposition *at* in the sentence above shows time. Its object is *four o'clock*. In the sentence below, the same preposition shows place. Its object is *zoo*.

  
We will meet them **at** the zoo.

Below are common prepositions of time and place. Notice that in some cases, the same preposition can be used both ways.

We start school **at** eight o'clock. (time)

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### Prepositions (cont'd)

There is a bookstore **at** the mall. (place)

They went to a baseball game **on** his birthday. (time)

Put your coats **on** the bed. (place)

My best friend lives **across** the street. (place)

The library is **near** the center of town. (place)

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## Prepositions Exercises

Underline the preposition in each sentence and draw an arrow pointing to its object.

1. Valentine's Day is in February.
2. I have a new puppy at home.
3. There are two pairs of shoes under the bed.
4. My sister lives in Ohio.
5. The store opens at ten o'clock.
6. The cow jumped over the moon.
7. The children dove into the pool.
8. I put the leaf between the pages of a book.
9. Beautiful flowers were growing in the garden.
10. We were sitting near the stage.

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