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English Prepositions: A Complete List

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Word	IPA	Meaning	Example
about	/əˈbaʊt/	on the subject of	Tell me about your family.
at	/æt/	in a place	I am at home.
behind	/bɪˈhaɪnd/	at the back of something	The boy is behind the tree.
between	/bɪˈtwɪn/	in the middle of two things	The ball is between the chairs.
by	/baɪ/	near or using	I sit by the window.
for	/fɔːr/	given to someone	This gift is for you.
from	/frʌm/	starting at a place	I am from London.
in	/ɪn/	inside something	The book is in the bag.
in front of	/ɪn frʌnt ʌv/	at the front of something	The teacher stands in front of the class.
next to	/nɛkst tu/	beside something	I sit next to my friend.
on	/ʌn/	on top of something	The pen is on the desk.
to	/tu/	towards a place	I go to school.
under	/ˈʌndər/	below something	The cat is under the table.
with	/wɪð/	together	I play with my friend.
After	/ˈæftər/	Later than	I will see you after school.
Against	/əˈɡɛnst/	Opposing or disagreeing with	I am against this idea.
Along	/əˈlɔŋ/	Moving in a constant direction on	We walked along the river.
Around	/əˈraʊnd/	On every side of	We sat around the table.
de	/deɪ/	from; used in some names	The name is Maria de Souza.
Before	/bɪˈfɔːr/	Earlier than	Wash your hands before dinner.
Below	/bɪˈloʊ/	In a lower position	The temperature is below zero.
Down	/daʊn/	To a lower place	Sit down, please.
During	/ˈdʊrɪŋ/	While something is happening	I sleep during the day.
above	/əˈbʌv/	in a higher place than	The clock is above the door.
Of	/ʌv/	Belonging to or connected with	A cup of tea.
Over	/ˈoʊvər/	Above something	The bird flew over the tree.
among	/əˈmʌŋ/	in the middle of a group	He sat among his friends.
Past	/pæst/	Later than a specific time	It is half past two.
across	/əˈkrɒs/	from one side to the other	She walked across the street carefully.
according	/əˈkɔːrdɪŋ/	as stated by someone or something	According to Mom, dinner is ready.
Beside	/bɪˈsaɪd/	Next to	Sit beside me.
Except	/ɪkˈsept/	Not including but not	Everyone went to the party except John.

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Including	/ɪnˈkludɪŋ/	Used for saying that a person or thing is part of a particular group or amount	Six people were killed including two children.
Into	/ˈɪn.tu/	To the inside or middle of a place container area etc	Put the book into the box.
Near	/nɪr/	Not far away in distance	The shop is near my house.
Since	/sɪns/	From a particular time in the past until a later time or until now	I have lived here since 2010.
Through	/θruː/	From one side to the other	We walked through the park.
Till	/tɪl/	Up to the time of	I will wait till you are ready.
Until	/ənˈtɪl/	Up to the time that	I will wait until you return.
Upon	/əˈpɒn/	On	The book was placed upon the table.
Via	/ˈvaɪə/	Going through a place	We flew to New York via London.
Within	/wɪˈðɪn/	Inside or not further than	You must finish within an hour.
Without	/wɪˈðaʊt/	Not having or doing something	I drink coffee without sugar.
According to	/əˈkɔːdɪŋ tu/	As stated by	According to the weather forecast it will rain.
Beneath	/bɪˈniːθ/	In or to a lower position	They found the treasure beneath the sand.
Beyond	/bɪˈjɔːnd/	Further away in the distance	The mountains lie beyond the river.
Despite	/dɪˈspaɪt/	Without taking any notice of or being influenced by; not prevented by	He went to work despite feeling ill.
Inside	/ɪnˈsaɪd/	In or into a room, building, container, etc.	It's raining, let's go inside.
Per	/pər/	For each	It costs ten dollars per person.
Plus	/plʌs/	Added to	Two plus two is four.
aboard	/əˈbɔːd/	on or into a ship, train, or plane	We went aboard the ferry before sunrise.
amid	/əˈmɪd/	in the middle of something	The team stayed calm amid the noise.
amidst	/əˈmɪdst/	in the middle of something	He found her amidst the crowd.
anti	/ˈænti/	against or opposed to	The group is anti the new policy.
as	/æz/	in the role or function of	She worked as a nurse for ten years.
astride	/əˈstraɪd/	with one leg on each side of	The child sat astride the pony.
bar	/bɑːr/	except for	Everyone bar Tom arrived on time.
circa	/ˈsɜːkə/	around a particular time or date	The house was built circa 1900.
concerning	/kənˈsɜːnɪŋ/	about a particular subject	I have a question concerning your report.
following	/ˈfɒləʊɪŋ/	after something in time or order	Following lunch, we returned to work.
minus	/ˈmaɪnəs/	without; less than	The total is ten minus three.
opposite	/ˈɒpəzɪt/	facing or across from	The bank is opposite the park.
outside	/ˌaʊtˈsaɪd/	not inside a place	Please wait outside the office.

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pending	/ˈpɛndɪŋ/	until something happens or is decided	The decision is pending further review.
regarding	/rɪˈɡɑːdɪŋ/	about a subject	I called regarding your appointment.
round	/raʊnd/	around; in a circular way	The dog ran round the yard.
save	/seɪv/	except for	No one save Maria knew the answer.
than	/ðæn/	used for comparing two things	She is taller than her brother.
throughout	/θruːˈaʊt/	in every part of a place or time	It rained throughout the night.
toward	/təˈwɔːd/	in the direction of	He moved toward the door.
versus	/ˈvɜːsəs/	against or compared with	The match is Team A versus Team B.
worth	/wɜːθ/	having the value of	This painting is worth a lot of money.
up	/ʌp/	to a higher place or position	She walked up the hill.
out	/aʊt/	to the outside of something	He stepped out of the room.
when	/wɛn/	at the time that	Call me when you arrive.