



Chinese Coverbs and Prepositions

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Word	Pinyin	Type	Meaning	Example Pinyin
在 zài	location		在 zài + place + verb	
跟 gēn	with someone		跟 gēn + person + verb	
给 gěi	to / for someone		给 gěi + person + verb	
对 duì	toward someone or something		对 duì + person/thing + adjective/verb	
在 zài	zài		at / in / on	Wǒ zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò.
跟 gēn	gēn		with	Wǒ gēn péngyou qù lǚxíng.
给 gěi	gěi		to	Tā gěi wǒ huí xiāoxi.
对 duì	duì		toward	Tā duì xiǎogǒu hěn wēnróu.
从 cóng	cóng	Coverb	from (a place or time)	Wǒ cóng Běijīng lái.
往 wǎng	wǎng	Coverb	towards (a direction)	Wǎng qián zǒu.
向 xiàng	xiàng	Coverb	towards (a person or direction)	Xiàng tā wèn hǎo.
用 yòng	yòng	Coverb	using (a tool or method)	Yòng kuàizi chīfàn.
为 wèi	wèi	Coverb	for (the benefit of)	Wèi nǐ gāoxìng.
到 dào	dào	Coverb	to (a place or time)	Wǒ dào xuéxiào qù.
朝 cháo	cháo	Coverb	towards, facing	cháo zǒu zǒu
沿 yán	yán	Coverb	along	yán hé zǒu
按 àn	àn	Coverb	according to	àn guīdìng
替 tì	tì	Coverb	for, on behalf of	tì wǒ mǎi
凭 píng	píng	Coverb	by, with, on the basis of	píng jīngyàn
关于 guānyú	guānyú	Coverb	about, regarding	guānyú zhè jiàn shì
把 bǎ	bǎ	Coverb	marks object before verb (disposal)	bǎ shū dǎkāi
被 bèi	bèi	Coverb	passive marker (by)	bèi māma mà
比 bǐ	bǐ	Coverb	compared to (than)	bǐ wǒ gāo
像 xiàng	xiàng	Coverb	like, similar to	xiàng māo yíyàng
离 lí	lí	Coverb	distance from	lí zhè hěn jìn
除了 chúle	chúle	Coverb	except, besides	chúle wǒ, dōu qù
通过 tōngguò	tōngguò	Coverb	through; by means of	tōngguò xuéxí
根据 gēnjù	gēnjù	Coverb	according to; based on	gēnjù tiānqì
由 yóu	yóu	Coverb	by (someone)	yóu lǎoshī juédìng

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以	yǐ	Coverb	with; using	yǐ shūmiàn xíngshì
靠	kào	Coverb	relying on; by	kào qínfèn chénggōng
按照	ànzhào	Coverb	according to; in accordance with	ànzhào guīdìng bànshì
和	hé	Coverb	with (preposition)	hé wǒ
让	ràng	Coverb	to let or make someone do something (causative)	ràng tā
为了	wèile	Coverb	for the purpose of, in order to	wèile xuéxí
经过	jīngguò	Coverb	through (a process), after	jīngguò tāolùn
由于	yóuyú	Coverb	due to, because of	yóuyú tiānqì
据	jù	Coverb	according to	jù wǒ suǒ zhī
趁	chèn	Coverb	while; taking advantage of (a situation)	
拿	ná	Coverb	introduces an example; using ... as (in the pattern 拿...来说)	