PREPOSITIONS

A preposition introduces a noun or pronoun, linking it to other words in the sentence.

USING PREPOSITIONS
Prepositions express several different kinds of information, such as:

- Relation to time (at eight o’clock, gone until Monday)
- Place (in the ocean, over the fence, underneath the bed)
- Association (he went with Buddy)
- Purpose (he went for me)
- To introduce objects of verbs (laughed at the joke, dreams of being rich, looked in the book)

Commonly Used Prepositions

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Rules
A sentence cannot end with a preposition.

What time does the movie start at?
Instead use: What time does the movie start? OR At what time does the movie start?
Who are you going on a date with?
**Instead use:** With whom are you going on a date?

Do not capitalize a preposition in a title unless it is the first word.

*In Her Shoes*
*Field of Dreams*

**Commonly Used Prepositions**

"*On*" is used with specific dates and times.

*I went to the Smithsonian Museum on September 1st, 2013.*
*Christmas is on December 25th every year.*

"*On*" is also used to indicate the location of an object.

*Sally put her book on the desk.*
*Brian fell and landed on his rear-end.*

"*In*" is used with months, seasons, and years.

*My family goes to Florida in the spring each year.*
*Mom promised we would go pumpkin-picking in October.*
*She was born in 1975.*

"*In*" is also used to refer to parts of the day (in the morning, in the evening).

*I wake up early in the morning.*
*The birds stop chirping late in the evening.*

"*At*" is used to refer to specific parts of the day.

*I wake up at 5 in the morning.*
*The birds stop chirping at 8 o’clock in the evening.*