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.