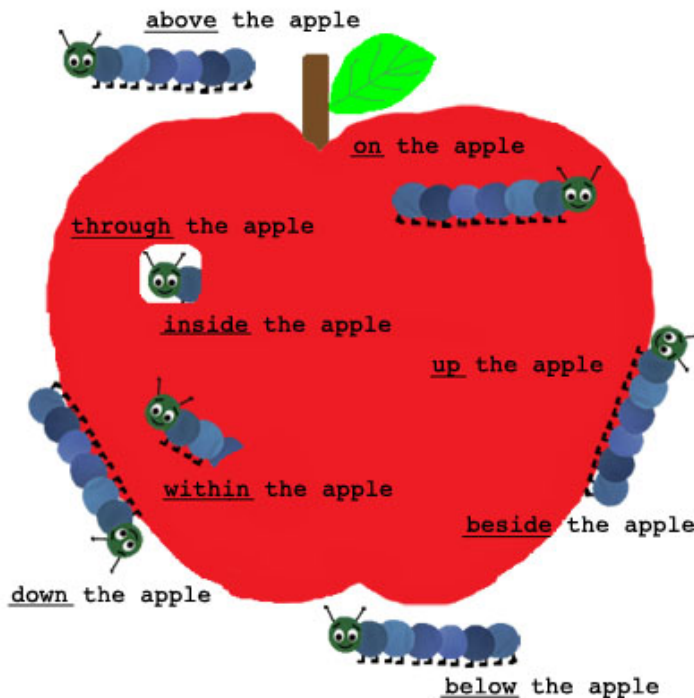


**Prepositions** are words that show the relationship between a noun and another word or element in the sentence.

ex. Any word that describes the relationship between a caterpillar and an apple.



(English-Grammar-Revolution (2009). What is a preposition, anyway?: Everything you ever wanted to know. Retrieved from <http://www.english-grammar-revolution.com/what-is-a-preposition.html>)

The caterpillar crawled down the apple.  
She swam across the lake.

## Prepositional Phrases

Prepositions are always found in **prepositional phrases**. Phrases are groups of words that lack a subject or verb.

When in Rome...

Prepositional phrases consist of a preposition and a noun. This noun is called the object of the preposition and it **always** follows the preposition.

One must never chew gum in class.

(The underlined word is the preposition and the highlighted word is the object of the preposition.)



# Prepositions

Prepositional phrases may also include adjectives or adverbs.

After this extremely fun tutoring session...

## Unnecessary Prepositions

Be wary of unnecessary prepositions.

She met ~~up with~~ the new coach in the hallway.  
Where did they go ~~to~~?

## Parallelism

When two words or phrases are used in parallel (close together) and require the same preposition, the preposition does not have to be used twice.

You can wear that outfit in summer and ~~in~~ winter.

## Preposition List

Note that this list contains prepositions that are one word, two words, and three words. Sometimes words come together to make one preposition.

aboard	atop	during	instead of	past	upon
about	barring	except	into	plus	versus
above	because of	except for	like	prior to	via
across	before	excluding	minus	regarding	with
after	behind	far from	near	regardless of	with regard to
against	below	following	next to	save	within
ahead of	beneath	for	of	since	without
along	beside	from	off	than	
amid	besides	in	on	through	
amidst	between	in accordance with	on account of	till	
among	beyond	in addition to	on behalf of	to	
around	but	in case of	on top of	toward	
as	by	in front of	onto	towards	
as far as	by means of	in lieu of	opposite	under	
as of	circa	in place of	out	underneath	
aside from	concerning	in spite of	out of	unlike	
at	despite	including	outside	until	
athwart	down	inside	over	up	

## Practice

Around the world \_\_\_ any given time, someone is celebrating a holiday.

- A. at
- B. on

\_\_\_ the longest day of the year, some people celebrate the Summer Solstice.

- A. on
- B. in

The *Star Trek* television and movies have been around \_\_\_ forty-one years.

- A. for
- B. during
- C. since

Many people have been loyal fans \_\_\_ the debut of the *Friends* in 1994.

- A. for
- B. during
- C. since

Ever year \_\_\_ July 4<sup>th</sup>, a hot dog eating contest takes place \_\_\_ Brooklyn, New York.

Contestants try to eat a large number \_\_\_ hot dogs \_\_\_ twelve minutes.

The contest was held \_\_\_ a pizzeria called Mama Mia's \_\_\_ an amusement park.

Which prepositions are correct and incorrect?

1. The crystals and polished stones are also important for the ancient religion of the Kongo.
2. The home belonged with Sarah and was in Tulare, California.
3. The movie starts at 8:15 tonight; however, do you know where it is at?
4. I grew up with North Plains, Nebraska, on a shady quiet street at the old section of town.

Find out more. Search the web or a grammar book for: **prepositions** or **prepositional phrases**.