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ТОЛКОВЫЙ СЛОВАРЬ АНГЛИЙСКИХ ПРЕДЛОГОВ

A **preposition** is a word used before noun: a member of a set of words used in close connection with, and usually before, a noun, pronoun, or gerund to show place, time, direction etc.

An **adjective** is a word that qualifies or describes a noun or pronoun.

An **adverb** is a word that adds to the meaning of a verb, an adjective, another adverb, or a whole sentence, such as 'slowly' in 'He ran slowly', 'very' in 'It's very hot', or 'naturally' in 'Naturally, we want you to come.'

A **phrasal verb** is a group of words that is used like a verb and consists of a verb with an adverb *or* preposition after it, for example 'set off' or 'look after'.

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ABOUT <i>preposition</i>		
1	[PREP] concerning or relating to a particular subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>a book <u>about</u> politics</i> • <i>She said <u>something about</u> leaving town.</i> • <i>He lied <u>about</u> his age.</i> • <i><u>About</u> that car of yours. How much are you selling it for?</i> • <i>What's he on <u>about</u> (= talking about)?</i> • <i>It's <u>about</u> Tommy, doctor. He's been sick again.</i> • <i>Naturally, my mother wanted to know all <u>about</u> it (= all the details relating to it).</i>
2	[PREP] used to show why <i>someone</i> is angry, happy, upset etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I'm really worried <u>about</u> Jack.</i> • <i>She's upset <u>about</u> missing the party.</i>
3	[PREP] in many different directions within a particular place, or in different parts of a place [: around, round]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We spent the whole afternoon walking <u>about</u> town.</i> • <i>Books were scattered <u>about</u> the room.</i>

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BEFORE <i>preposition</i>		
2	[PREP] in front of someone or something else in a list or order [\neq after]	• A comes <u>before</u> B in the alphabet.
3	[PREP] used to say that one thing or person is considered more important than another	• She always puts her family <u>before</u> her career.
4	[PREP] if one place is before another as you go towards it, you will reach it first [\neq after]	• Turn left just <u>before</u> the station.
5	[PREP] (<i>formal</i>) in front of	• The priest knelt <u>before</u> the altar.

BEHIND <i>preposition, adverb</i>		
1	at the back (of)	• [PREP] <u>Look behind you!</u>
		• [PREP] <u>I hung my coat behind the door.</u>
		• [ADV] Alex led, and I followed along <u>behind</u> .
		• (<i>mainly UK</i>) <u>As hard as she tried, she always fell behind the other swimmers in the races.</u>
		• [PREP] (<i>fig.</i>) <u>I knew that behind (= hidden by) her smile was sadness.</u>
2	[PREP] responsible for or the cause of	• He wondered what was <u>behind</u> his neighbour's sudden friendliness.
		• Marie Curie was the woman <u>behind</u> enormous changes in the science of chemistry.

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BENEATH <i>adverb, preposition</i>		
<p>Underneath has a similar meaning to under, and is used especially when something is hidden or covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>a box <u>underneath</u> the floorboards</i> <p>It can also be used as an adverb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>She lifted the cover and peeped underneath.</i> <p>Below is used when one thing is at a much lower level than another, and can be a preposition or an adverb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the apartment below ours</i> • <i>Mist lay in the valley <u>below</u>.</i> <p>Beneath can be used in the same ways as under and below, but is a more literary or formal word.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i><u>beneath</u> the silvery moon</i> • <i>the cliff, and the ocean <u>beneath</u></i> <p>→ See also UNDER</p>		
BETWEEN <i>preposition</i>		
1	<p>if <i>someone</i> or <i>something</i> is between two other people or things, the two people or things are on each side of them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hold the needle <u>between</u> your finger and thumb.</i> • <i>Gatwick is about halfway <u>between</u> London and Brighton</i> <p>in between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Charlotte sat <u>in between</u> her two sons at the reception.</i> • <i>Put the two smaller vases on the ends and the big one <u>in between</u>.</i>
2	<p>with times or events before and after: in the period after one time or event and before the next</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The office will be closed <u>between</u> Christmas and New Year.</i> • <i>The show opens next Monday. <u>Between</u> now and then we'll be rehearsing every day.</i> <p>in between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Try to avoid snacks <u>in between</u> meals.</i>

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UNTIL <i>preposition, conjunction</i>		
	Till is more usual in spoken English, and is not used in formal writing	
2	[PREP] not until : used to emphasize that <i>something</i> does not happen before a certain point in time <i>or</i> before <i>something</i> else has happened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Can I go out and play now?" "<u>Not until</u> you've done your homework." • It was <u>not until</u> 1972 that the war finally came to an end.

UP <i>adverb, preposition, adjective</i>		
1	[PREP] towards or in a higher place [≠ down]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They began walking <u>up</u> the hill. • Can you move the picture <u>up</u> a little higher? • Dave's <u>up</u> in his room.
2	[PREP] into an upright position	get / sit / stand up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children stood <u>up</u> to sing. • He turned <u>up</u> the collar of his coat.
3	further along something	up the street / road / river etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [PREP] She lives just <u>up</u> the street. • [ADV] Can you move <u>up</u> (= move along) a little?
4	[PREP] if the amount or level of <i>something</i> is up, it has increased	up by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflation is <u>up</u> by 2%. • Violent crime went <u>up</u> last year.
5	[PREP] walk / go / come , etc up : to move towards <i>someone</i> or <i>something</i> until you are very near them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A man came <u>up</u> and asked me for a cigarette.