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

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<b>BEFORE</b> <i>preposition</i>		
2	[PREP] <b>in front of</b> someone or something else <b>in a list or order</b> [ $\neq$ after]	• A comes <u>before</u> B in the alphabet.
3	[PREP] used to say that <b>one thing or person is</b> considered <b>more important than another</b>	• 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> ) <b>in front of</b>	• The priest knelt <u>before</u> the altar.

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

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<b>UNTIL</b> <i>preposition, conjunction</i>		
	<b>Till</b> is more usual in spoken English, and is not used in formal writing	
2	[PREP] <b>not until</b> : 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"> <li>• "Can I go out and play now?" "<u>Not until</u> you've done your homework."</li> <li>• It was <u>not until</u> 1972 that the war finally came to an end.</li> </ul>

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