

Sentences with prepositions of place and direction

Preposition	Use	Sentences
above	higher than something	The picture hangs above my bed.
across	from one side to the other side	You mustn't go across this road here.
		There isn't a bridge across the river.
after	one follows the other	The cat ran after the dog.
		After you.
against	directed towards sth.	The bird flew against the window.
along	in a line; from one point to another	They're walking along the beach.
among	in a group	I like being among people.
around	in a circular way	We're sitting around the campfire.
at*	position at a point	I arrived at the meeting.
behind	at the back of	Our house is behind the supermarket.
below	lower than sth.	Death Valley is 86 metres below sea level.
beside	next to	Our house is beside the supermarket.
between	sth./sb. is on each side	Our house is between the supermarket and the school.
by	near	He lives in the house by the river.
close to	near	Our house is close to the supermarket.
down	from high to low	He came down the hill.
from	the place where it starts	Do you come from Tokyo?
in front of	the part that is in the direction it faces	Our house is in front of the supermarket.

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inside	opposite of outside	You shouldn't stay inside the castle.
in*	place seen in three dimensions	We slept in the car.
	larger areas	I was born in England.
into	entering sth.	You shouldn't go into the castle.
near	close to	Our house is near the supermarket.
next to	beside	Our house is next to the supermarket.
off	away from sth.	The cat jumped off the roof.
on*	touches a surface	There is a fly on the table.
	is seen as a point on a line	We were on the way from Paris to Rome.
	by a lake or sea	London lies on the Thames.
	public transport	We should get on the bus.
onto	moving to a place	The cat jumped onto the roof.
opposite	on the other side	Our house is opposite the supermarket.
out of	leaving sth.	The cat jumped out of the window.
outside	opposite of inside	Can you wait outside ?
over	above sth./sb.	The cat jumped over the wall.
past	going near sth./sb.	Go past the post office.
round	in a circle	We're sitting round the campfire.
through	going from one point to the other point	You shouldn't walk through the forest.
to	towards sth./sb.	I like going to Australia.
		Can you come to me?

Preposition	Use	Sentences
		I've never been to Africa.
towards	in the direction of sth.	We ran towards the castle.
under	below sth.	The cat is under the table.
up	from low to high	He went up the hill.