**Prepositions for Time, Place, and Introducing Objects**

A preposition is a word or group of words used before a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to show direction, time, place, location, spatial relationships, or to introduce an object. Some examples of prepositions are words like "in," "at," "on," "of," and "to."

**Note**

* Prepositions indicate relationships between other words in a sentence.
* Many prepositions tell you where something is or when something happened.
* Most prepositions have several definitions, so the meaning changes quite a bit in different contexts.
* Ending a sentence with a preposition is not a grammatical error.

**Time**

**On is used with days.**

I will see you on Monday. The week begins on Sunday.

**At is used with noon, night, midnight, and with the time of day.**

My plane leaves at noon. The movie starts at 6 p.m.

**In is used with other parts of the day, with months, with years, with seasons.**

He likes to read in the afternoon. The days are long in August. The book was published in 1999. The flowers will bloom in spring.

**Since, for, by, from—to, from—until, during, within – expresses extended time.**

She has been gone since yesterday. (She left yesterday and has not returned.) I'm going to Paris for two weeks. (I will spend two weeks there.) The movie showed from August to/until October. (Beginning in August, ending in October.) I watch TV during the evening. (For some period of time in the evening.) We must finish the project within a year. (No longer than a year.)

**Place**

**In – describes the point itself. There is a wasp in the room.**

**Inside – expresses something contained. Put the present inside the box.**

**On – talks about the surface. I left your keys on the table.**

**At – talks about a general vicinity. She was waiting at the corner.**

**Over, above – when the object is higher than a point. He threw the ball over the roof. Hang that picture above the couch.**

**Under, underneath, beneath, below – when the object is lower than a point. The rabbit burrowed under the ground. The child hid underneath the blanket. We relaxed in the shade beneath the branches. The valley is below sea-level.**

**Near, by, next to, between, among, opposite – when the object is close to a point. She lives near the school. There is an ice cream shop by the store. An oak tree grows next to my house The house is between Elm Street and Maple Street. I found my pen lying among the books. The bathroom is opposite the kitchen.**