

## Grammar - Prepositions

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A **preposition** is a word used with a noun or pronoun to show the relation of the thing denoted by the noun to something else. The preposition is generally in a position just before (pre- ) the noun.

Prepositions may have originated as adverbs.

Besides standing alone, they may also form Compounds, in which they are joined to a verb or a noun.

For free prepositions (not part of a compound) :

If the noun is in the **Accusative**, the preposition may indicate "**movement towards**"

If the noun is in the **Genitive**, the preposition may indicate "**movement away from**"

If the noun is in the **Dative**, the preposition may indicate "**rest in place**"

|                     | with Accusative                 | with Genitive                                  | with Dative  |
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| ἀνα                 | up, upon                        | -  | -  |
| ἀντι                | —                               | instead of, in the place of, against           | -  |
| ἀμφι                | on both sides of, about         | concerning                                     | -  |
| ἀπο                 | —                               | from, away from                                | -  |
| ἄχρι                | —                               | until, as far as                               | -  |
| δια, δι'            | because of                      | through, by means of, after                    | -  |
| εἰς                 | into                            | -  | -  |
| ἐκ                  | —                               | out of, as a result of                         | -  |
| ἐμπροσθεν           | —                               | in front of, before (place)                    | -  |
| ἐν                  | —                               | —  | in, among, by, with, towards                             |
| ἐνεκα               | —                               | on account of, for the sake of                 | -  |
| ἐνωπιον             | —                               | before (place)                                 | -  |
| ἐπι, ἐπ', ἐφ'       | upon, onto, on                  | on, in, over, in the time of,<br>on account of | on, upon, on account of, by,<br>with a view to           |
| ἐξω                 | —                               | out of, outside                                | -  |
| ἕως                 | —                               | until, as far as                               | -  |
| κατα,<br>κατ', καθ' | according to                    | against, down from                             | -  |
| μετα,<br>μετ', μεθ' | after (a time)                  | with, among                                    | -  |
| ὀπισω               | —                               | behind, after (place)                          | -  |
| παρα, παρ'          | to beside,<br>alongside, beside | from beside,<br>from (from someone)            | rest beside, with, near,<br>at the house of, in sight of |
| περι                | round, around,<br>approximately | concerning, about (something)                  | -  |
| προ                 | —                               | before (time or place)                         | -  |
| προς                | —                               | —  | at, near to  |
| συν                 | —                               | —  | with, together with (someone)                            |
| ὑπερ                | above                           | on behalf of, for                              | -  |
| ὑπο, ὑπ', ὑφ'       | under                           | on behalf of, for, by (someone)                | -  |
| χωρις               | —                               | apart from, without                            | -  |