

Prepositions

from: <http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/prepositerm.htm>

Definition:

A word (one of the parts of speech and a member of a closed word class) that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence.

The combination of a preposition and a noun phrase is called a prepositional phrase. A word group (such as *in front of* or *on top of*) that functions like a simple, one-word preposition is called a complex preposition.

Prepositions convey the following relationships: agency (*by*); comparison (*like, as . . . as*); direction (*to, toward, through*); place (*at, by, on*); possession (*of*); purpose (*for*); source (*from, out of*); and time (*at, before, on*).

from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_English_prepositions

Single Word Prepositions:

aboard	concerning	pace
about	despite	past
above	down	per
absent	during	plus
across	except	pro
after	excluding	qua
against	failing	regarding
along	following	round
alongside	for	save
amid	from	since
amidst	given	than
among	in	through, thru (informal)
amongst	including	throughout, thruout (informal)
around	inside	till
as	into	times
aside	like	to
astride	mid (from "amid". Usually used poetically.)	toward
at	midst (from "amidst". Usually used poetically.)	towards
athwart	minus	under
atop	near	underneath
barring	next	unlike
before	notwithstanding (also used post positionally)	until
behind	of	up
below	off	upon
beneath	on	versus, commonly abbreviated as "vs."
beside	onto	via
besides	opposite	vice, meaning "in place of"[1]
between	out	with
betwixt	outside	within
beyond	over	without
but		worth
by		
circa		

Two Word Prepositions:

according to
ahead of
as of
as per
as regards
aside from
because of
close to
due to
except for
far from
in to (contracted as into)
inside of (note that inside out is an adverb, not a preposition)
instead of
left of

near to
next to
on to (contracted as onto)
out from
out of
outside of
owing to
prior to
pursuant to
regardless of
right of
subsequent to
thanks to
that of
where as

Three Word Prepositions:

as far as
as well as
by means of
in accordance with
in addition to
in case of
in front of
in lieu of

in place of
in point of
in spite of
on account of
on behalf of
on top of
with regard to
with respect to