

## Preposition Fact Sheet

A **preposition** relates the noun or pronoun following it to another word in the sentence.

Prepositions of more than one word are called **compound prepositions**.

FIFTY COMMON PREPOSITIONS				
about	behind	during	off	to
above	below	except	on	toward
across	beneath	for	onto	under
after	beside	from	opposite	underneath
against	besides	in	out	until
along	between	inside	outside	up
among	beyond	into	over	upon
around	but	like	past	with
at	by	near	since	within
before	down	of	through	without

COMPOUND PREPOSITIONS		
according to	by means of	instead of
ahead of	in addition to	next to
aside from	in back of	on account of
as of	in front of	on top of
because of	in place of	out of

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun, called the **object of the preposition**.

### Prep                      Objects of Preps

at	home
before	dinner
beyond	the horizon
inside	the haunted house
according to	the rules
on top of	the misty mountain

### Preposition or Adverb?

Some words can be used either as prepositions or adverbs. A preposition begins with a prep phrase and has an object. Adverbs do not.

#### Adverbs

The dog stayed *behind*.

An animal hid *inside*.

#### Preps

The dog stayed behind the house.

An animal hid inside the barn.