

prepositions

Prepositions are words that link nouns or pronouns, often showing either where things are or when things happen.

Some prepositions show *direction* or *movement*:

The cat ran **out of** the house, **across** the road, **down** the hill, **into** the park, **past** the pond, **between** the flowerbeds, **along** the wall, **around** the flowerpots, **through** the tunnel and **toward** the shop.

Others show the *position* of things:

Pat lives **at** 66 Richmond Grove **in** London. Today, she is **at** home **in** her bedroom, asleep **in** bed **under** the bedclothes. Her shoes are **on** the floor, her clothes are **beside** the bed and her coat is hanging **behind** the door.

Some prepositions show *when* something happens:

He is arriving **at** 6 p.m.

It is cold **in** winter.

My birthday is **on** Tuesday.

I have been waiting **for** ten minutes.

I have known her **since** 1999.

No-one spoke **during** the performance.

The castle is open **from** April **until** October.