PROPER PREPOSITIONS

WHAT IS A PREPOSITION?

Preposition link nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence. The word or phrase that the preposition introduces is called the object of the preposition. Prepositions are abstract words that have no concrete meaning. They merely show the relationships between groups of words. The most common prepositions are:

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

A preposition usually indicates the temporal (time), spatial (place), or logical relationship of its object to the rest of the sentence.

A prepositional phrase is made up of the preposition, its object, and any associated adjectives or adverbs. A prepositional phrase can function as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

- The bakery is located around the corner. (Noun)
- The busy golf course is never without greens keepers. (Adjective)
- Until now, the young man did not speak. (Adverb)

NEVER END A SENTENCE WITH A PREPOSITION!!!!!!

Examples of INCORRECT usage:

- Where is your sweater from?
- I am ready to go out!
- These are the problems I want to go over.
- This is a place I have been before.
- Where is she at?
- There is the restaurant I want to go to.

DOUBLE PREPOSITIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!!!!

Double prepositions occur when two [or more] prepositions are used to introduce the prepositional phrase. This is a common grammatical mistake that can be easily corrected by simply eliminating one of the words. Here are some examples of double prepositions:

- There are many grey hairs up in her head.
- Many bikers gather out at the country bar.
- The restroom is located over past the door.
- The remote control fell over behind the couch.
- The Tylenol is in the cabinet up between the cough syrup and the decongestant.

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http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/wrtcent/hypergrammar/preposit.html
web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/Prepositions.pdf