

# Prepositions

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# Preposition

- **Preposition**: Describes relationship between words
  - Example: “at”, “in”, “of”, “for” etc.
- **Problem**: prepositions have the same context
  - “at” Vs. “in” Vs. “on”
  - “for” Vs. “since”

# Time

- **at-** for specific times
  - I will meet you **at** 10 o'clock.
- **on-** for days and dates
  - **On** Monday, you will get your Home-work.
- **In-** for nonspecific times during a day, a month, a season and a year.
  - I will study for the exam **in** the evening.

# Time- special cases

- Special **idioms**:
  - “At night” not “in the night”.
- Pay attention:
  - I will meet you **on** Christmas day.
  - I love to go shopping **at** Christmas time.

# Place

We have **at**, **in**, **on**.

Which one should we use?

# Place- "at"

- Rule 1: specific addresses or avenue.
  - I will meet you **at** 89, Haim Levanon st.
- Rule 2: specific buildings:
  - I will meet you **at** the bus station.
- Rule 3: places on a page:
  - **At** the bottom of the page.

# Place- "at"(cont)

- Rule 4: groups of people
  - **At** the front of the class
- Rule 5: someone is at an event
  - Tom is **at** the party

# Place- "at"(cont)

- Rule 6: someone's home
  - I will meet you **at** my home.
- Rule 7: places where the events happens
  - The meeting took place **at** the headquarters.
- Rule 8: corner of a street
  - Meet me at the corner of Haim Levanon Street and Kakal Street.



# Place- "in"

- Rule 1: big places with spaces.
  - I will meet you **in** the park.
- Rule 2: bodies of water
  - The bottle is **in** the sea.
- Rule 3: lines
  - I am **in** the line for the shopping.

# Place- "in"

- Rule 4: Countries and large town
  - I live **in** Israel
- Rule 5: Inside places
  - My key is **in** the car.
- Rule 6: corner of a room.
  - My pen located **in** the corner of my room.

# Place- "on"

- Rule 1: surface
  - I have a stain **on** my shirt
- Rule 2: directions
  - **On** your left you can see a window.
- Rule 3: names of streets
  - I am living **on** Haim Levanon street.
- Rule 4: small islands
  - I was **on** the Cayman Islands

# Place- "on"

- Rule 4: small islands
  - I was **on** the Cayman Islands
- Rule 5: special **idioms**
  - “**On** the river”
  - “**On** the coast”
  - “**On** a road”

# Context matter

- Please meet me **at** my car (referenced the car as a point object)
- I lost my key **in** my car (referenced the car as a big place)

# Movement

- “to”- express movement toward a place
  - I am going **to** the university
- Special cases: home, downtown, uptown, inside, outside, downstairs, upstairs.
  - I went home.

# Time- “since” Vs “for”

- “for”- when we measure time
  - I was **in** the university **for** 10 days
- “since”- from a specific date
  - Will this winter be the coldest **since** the 1980s?

# Prepositions at ends of sentences

- Use when the sentence doesn't work without the preposition
  - Who's the present for?
  - ~~Who's the present?~~
- Use it only if the meaning is affected.
  - Where are you?
  - ~~Where are you at?~~



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