

PREPOSITIONS

A **preposition** connects a word in a sentence to a noun or pronoun to express a relation. A prepositional phrase is a combination of a preposition and a noun or pronoun.

Some commonly used prepositions are:

about	above	across	after	along
around	at	before	behind	below
beside	between	by	despite	down
during	for	from	in	into
of	off	on	onto	out
over	since	through	to	under
until	up	with	without	like

*The prepositions **into** and **onto** are often replaced by **in** and **on**. Examples:*

He places it **into** his pocket > He places it **in** his pocket

They jump **onto** my bed > they jump **on** my bed

Compound prepositions consist of more than one word. They are formed by prefixing the **preposition** to a **noun**, an **adjective**, or an **adverb**:

along with, according to, different from, because of, due to, despite, instead of, on account of, next to, on top of, together with, as far as, in addition to, right after, in front of...

Most pronouns change when they are used **in a preposition phrase**:

I -> to me **you** -> with **you** **he** -> for **him** **she** -> by **her**

it -> on it **we** -> from **us** **they** -> with **them**

Practice1: Change the **noun** (bold) following the preposition to the corresponding pronoun.

1. Jim went to the movie with **his mom**.
2. The car was speeding toward **the boy**.
3. The gifts from **my relatives** are very timely.
4. Despite **all the difficulties**, they advance steadily.

5. He saved the best seats for his entourage.
6. Is there enough room in the car?
7. Did she leave with her uncle?
8. Did they leave right after the game?
9. Beside her boyfriend, who else came with Cathy?
10. It's hard to pick between Jon and his twin.
11. The boys look remarkably like their father.
12. According to legend, he rested alongside these boulders.

Answer1:

1. Jim went to the movie with **her**.
2. The car was speeding toward **him**.
3. The gifts from **them** are very timely.
4. Despite **them**, they advance steadily.
5. He saved the best seats for **them**.
6. Is there enough room in **it**?
7. Did she leave with **him**?
8. Did they leave right after **it**?
9. Beside **him**, who else came with **her**?
10. It's hard to pick between **them**.
11. The boys look remarkably like **him**.
12. According to legend, he rested alongside **them**.