

ACE

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Prepositions

- Shows a relation between things in a sentence.
- Usually a relation for *location* or *time*

Location

Where are you?

- Above of something

- on top of something or on the surface

- Objects: “I am sitting on a chair”

- Roadways/Streets: “I am on Whyte avenue”

- *not on specific addresses (with numbers) or general locations*

Special Phrases

- On my way / On the way
 - in the process of going somewhere
- On the road
 - in the process of traveling
- I am *on* the bus
 - On the way to somewhere by bus
- Wrong: “I am *on* my car”
 - You are sitting/standing on your car



More ON examples

◉ Are you on something?

- Slang:

- Did you consume something to make you act the way you are now? (acting strange/not themselves)
- E.G: drugs and/or alcohol

◉ I think you are on to something.

- Slang:

- You may be on the correct path to solving some problem or question.

Location: At

- a *specific* address or specific buildings/areas
 - “I live at 12345 – 80 street”
 - “I am at Southgate”
- *When using AT ::
 - there is an **assumption** that the **person** being spoken to **knows** where the location is

Examples

- At school

- Which school?? Probably the same school we all attend

- “I am at Home”

- Your own home... That you currently live in.

Location: IN

- Usually general locations
 - Inside of something with boundaries.
 - Eg. Country or city
 - “I live in Canada”
- ****do not use with specific addresses ****
 - **WRONG:** I live in 12354 street.

Examples

- General location:

- “I live in ALBERTA”
- “I live in Edmonton”

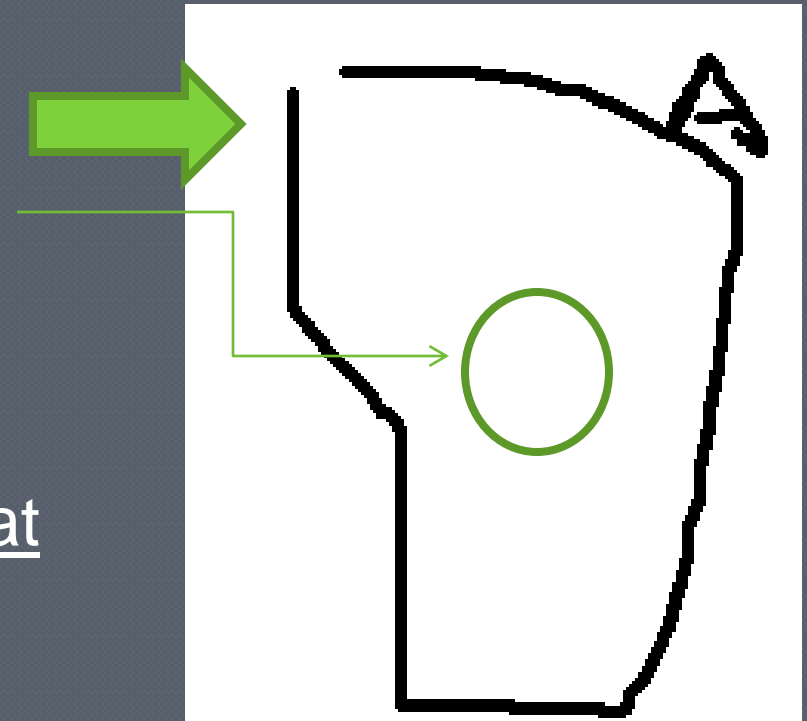
- I live in my car.

- I live in school??

- Weird – maybe you live at school

- I am in the bus*

- “waiting in the bus”
- Why?? I don’t know.



Examples

Time

When is it??

- General: calendar days
 - Ex: “I went to school *on* Monday”,
 - “On November 25 it will snow.”
- Not with specific time
 - WRONG: “~~On 8:00am~~”

ON: Examples

○ On time

- Punctual – at some location by a specific time
- “Will you be on time for ACE?”
 - Yes!

○ “What did you do on the weekend?”

- = During the last weekend, what did you do?

TIME: At

- Specific clock time

- “I slept *at* 1am last night”

- Time of an event

- “At lunchtime... I will eat lunch”

At : Examples

○ Special exceptions:

- “At night”
- ”At times like these...”
 - During a situation similar to the current one
 - (During morning class) - “At times like these, I wish I was sleeping”
- “Do your homework at once!”
 - = Do your homework right away

TIME: In

- General

- “I will graduate *in a year*”

- specific

- “In 10 minutes I will be hungry again”
- In the morning

- Not with a specific clock time

- Wrong: ~~In 7:00pm~~

List of Prepositions

about
above
according to
across
after
against
along
along with
among
apart from
around
as
as for
at
because of
before
behind
below
beneath
beside
between
beyond
but* (not often)
by
by means of

concerning
despite
down
during
except
except for
for
from
in
in addition to
in back of
in case of
in front of
in place of
inside
in spite of
instead of
into
like
near
next
of
off
on

onto
on top of
out
out of
outside
over
past
regarding
round
since
through
throughout
till
to
toward
under
underneath
unlike
until
up
upon
up to
with
within
without

Some of the most used prepositions:

- In
- Out
- To
- From
- For
- With
- By
- As
- Over
- Under
- Through
- Across

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- ◉ <http://www.eslcafe.com/grammar/prepositions01.html>