

TRANSITIONS THAT EXPRESS SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

EXPRESSIONS	GRAMMAR NOTES	EXAMPLES:
on the (or his, her) left/right	Adverb phrase	That's my grandpa, and my grandmother is standing on his left . Would you pass me the book on the left please?
to the left/right (of)	Preposition	My cousin is standing to the left of my brother.
above	preposition	The shelf is right above your head.
over	preposition	An airplane flew right over the house.
on	preposition	The baby sat on his mother's knee.
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below	preposition	Miners must work below ground level.
beneath	preposition	Lying on the grass, I looked at the sky above me, and felt the earth beneath my body.
under	preposition	The dog was lying under the table.
underneath	preposition	Just lift up those papers; I think the letter is right underneath them.
through	preposition	He walked through the forest, whistling.
around	preposition	There was a brick in the road, so I steered around it.
all the way around	preposition	Since the weather was fine, we decided to walk all the way around Trout Lake.
partway around halfway around	preposition	When we were only halfway around the track, it began to rain.
all around	preposition	He has travelled all around the world.
all over	adverb phrase	The people I work with come from all over . The mechanic checked the car all over .
all over	preposition	The neighbour's dog dug holes all over my garden.
across	preposition	Dad threw the ball across the lawn and Joey caught it.
across from	preposition	Our house is across from a park.
around the corner from	preposition	It's convenient living around the corner from the shopping centre.
throughout	preposition	He worked throughout the day. The smoke from the forest fire spread throughout the region.
throughout	adverb	The movie was long, but we enjoyed it throughout .
within	preposition	I arrived home, and within a minute, the phone rang.

in	preposition	This coat is no longer in style. Tammy is still in school. The kitten hid in the closet.
at	preposition	All three of my nephews are at university now. My neighbours are not at home.
to	preposition	I was on my way to work when I realized I had forgotten my keys.
inside	preposition	The kitten hid inside the closet. Look on top of the box and inside it too.
inside	adverb	If it's rainy, we'll let the kids play inside .
on top of	preposition	When he won the prize, he felt as if he was on top of the world. I left my car keys on top of that pile of books. (or on...)
outside	adverb	When I was a child, we often played outside . In fact, in the summer, we used to spend almost the whole day outside .
outside of	preposition	Keep the kids outside of the fence; the animals might harm them if they get inside the cages.
ahead of	preposition	I wanted to get ahead of the big truck so that I could see where I was going.
behind	preposition	I hate driving behind large vehicles in my tiny little car.
behind	adverb	If you're too slow, you'll fall behind .
beyond	preposition	What lies beyond the sunset? His work was above and beyond what the supervisor expected.
beyond	adverb	We travelled across those hills and beyond .
at the rear	adverb	Park at the rear if you don't want to pay.
In the foreground	adverb phrase	There are flowers in the foreground .
In the background	adverb phrase	In the background is a mountain range.
opposite	preposition	She sat opposite me.
on the opposite side of	adverb phrase	Bill sat on the opposite side of the room from Henry.
along	preposition	We walked along the river.
alongside	adverb	The boat came alongside .
alongside of	preposition	The boat was moored alongside of the dock.
all along	preposition	We walked all along the path and back.
all along		I knew all along about the surprise party.
beside	preposition	Come and sit beside me.