### The Right Preposition

**A**

- abashed: at, before, in
- abate: in, by (or no preposition)
- aberration: from, of
- abhorrence: of
- abhorrent: to
- ability: at, with
- abound: in, with
- abridge: from
- abridgment: of
- absolve: from (sometimes of)
- abstain: from,
- abstinence: from.

**abstract** (v.): from

- abstract
- accession: after, before, to
- accessed: in, of In a picture; of dress.
- accessory: after, before, to
- accommodate: to, with
- accommodate (n.): between, of, with
- accompany: by, with
- accordance: with
- accord (n.): between, of, with
- accord (v.): in, to
- accordant: with, to
- according: as, to
- accountable: for, to
- accuse: of
- acquaintance: among, between, of, with
- acquiesce: in
- acquit: of, with
- addict: for, from, to
- addicted: to
- adept: at or in
- adequate: for, to
- adhere: to
- adherence: to
- adhesion: of, to
- adhesive: to
- adjacent: to
- adjust: for, to
- admit: of, into or to
- admittance: to
- admonished: by (Biblical: of. Moses was admonished of God.)

**advantage**: of, over

- advantageous: of
- adverse: to
- advert: to
- advise: of or concerning
- advocate: of
- affiliate: with, to
- affinity: between, with
- aggression: on or upon (Upon preferred.)
- aid (v.): in
- alien: to, from
- alienation: from, of, between
- allegiance: from, to
- ally: to, with
- alongside: (no preposition)
- aloof: from
- alternate: (v.): with
- amalgam: of
- amalgamate: into, with
- amazement: at
- ambition: for
- ambitious: of (Formerly for or after.)
- amenable: to
- amity: between, with
- amorous: of, by
- amplify: by, on or upon (or no preposition)
- amused: at or by, with
- analogous: to
- analogy: between, with
- anesthetize: by
- anger: at, toward
- angry: at, with
- annoyed: by, at or with
- antipathetic: to
- antipathy: against or to, between, for or to
- anxiety: about or concerning, for
- anxious: about, for
- apart: from
- apathy: of, toward
- append: to
- appetite: for
- apply: for, to
- apportion: among, between, to
- appreciation: of, to
- apprehensive: of, for
- approximation: of, to
- apropos: of (or no preposition)
- arrive: at, in, upon
- arrogate: to, for
- aside: from
- aspiration: after, toward
- aspire: to, after, toward
- assent: to
- assist: at, in, with
- associate: with
- assurance: by, with
- assumption: of
- astonished: at, by
- attainable: by or to
- attempt (n.): at
- attempt (v.): to
- attend: on, to, (or no preposition)
- attended: with, by
- attest: to (or no preposition)
- attribute (v.): to
- attribute (n.): of
- augmentation: by, of
- augmented: by, with
- augur: from, of, for
- authority: of, on
- auxiliary: of, in
- aversive: of
- averse: to. (Rarely, from.)
- aversion: to or toward, for or toward

**B**

- bail (n.): on, in
- based: on, upon, in
- basis: for, of
- becoming: to, in
- begin: by, in, with
- beguile: by, of, with
- benefactor: of
- bereaved, bereft: of
- bid (~.): for, on, in
- blame: for
- blase: about
- boast: of, about
- borne: by, upon
- break (v.): with
- break (n.): in
C

candid: about or in regard to

capable: of

capacity: of, for, to

capitalize: at, on
careless: about, in, of
catastrophe: of
cause: of, for
cautions: according to
center: on

chagrin: at or because of or on account of

characteristic: of

characterized: by

charge: with
chide: for
choose: among, between

circumstances: in, under
clear (v.): from, of
coalesce: in or into, with

coincident: with

collide: with

commom: to

comparable: to or with

calculate: to, with

compatible: with

compete: for, with

complain: about, in, to, with

complained: about, in, to, with

compliance: with

compliment: on

complimentary: about or concerning

comply: with

crimation: of, on

correlated: with

correlation: between or of

correlative: with

constit: with

contingent: on or upon

correspond: to, with

culminate: in

cure: of

different: from

differentiate: among, between, from
diminution: of
disappointed: in, with
disapprobation: of
disapprove: of
discourage: from
disdain: for
disengage: from
disgusted: at, by, with
dislike: of
dispense: with, from
displace: by
displeased: at, with
dispossess: of, from
dissatisfy: from, for
dissatisfied: with
dissension: among, between, with
dissent (v.): from
dissimilar: to
dissociate: from
dissuade: from
distaste: for
distill: from

distinguished: by, for, from
distrustful: of
divert: from, to, by
divest: of
divide: by, into

divorce: from
dominate: over, in
dominate: over
dote: on
drench: with

d

debar: from
decide: on, upon
defect (n.): in, of
defend: from, against
deficiency: in, of
defile (v.): by, with
definition: of
demanding: of
depend: on, upon
deprive: of
derive: from
derogate: from
derogation: of, from, to
desirs: of
desist: from
despised: of
destined: to, for
destructive: of, to
detract: from
deviate: from
devolve: of
devolve: from, on, to, upon
differ: with, on, from
different: from
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e

eager: for, to

educated: about or concerning, for, in
effect: of
eligible: to, for
emanate: from
embark: on, upon
embellish: with
emerge: from
emigrate: from
employ: at, in
empty (adj.): of
enamored: of, with
encouraged: by, in
encourage: on, upon
make: of, from
marred: by
martyr (v.): for
martyr (n.): to
mastery: of, over
means: of, to, for
meddle: in, with
mediate: between, among
meditate: on, upon
militate: against
minister: to
mistrustful: of
mix: with, into
mock: at, with
monopoly: of
mortified: at
mortify: by or with
motive: for
muse: on or upon

N
necessary: for, to
necessity: for, of, to
need: for, of
neglectful: of
negligent: of, in

O
obedient: to
object (v.): to
oblivious: of
observant: of
obtrude: on or upon
occasion: for, of
occupied: by, with
offend: against
offended: at, with
opportunity: of, to, for
opposite: of (or no preposition)
opposition: to
originate: from, in, with
overlaid: by or with
overwhelm: by, with

P
parallel: to or with
part: from, with
partake: of
partial: to
participate: in

patient: in, with
peculiar: to
permeate: into, through
permeated: by
permit: to
persevere: against, in
persist: against, in
persuade: to
persuaded: by, of, to
pertinent: to
piqued: at, by
place (v.): in
plan (v.): to
pleased: at or by, with
plunge: in, into
possessed: by or with, of
possibility: of
practice: of, in
precedence: of
precedent (n.): of or for
precedent (adj.): to
precluded: from
preface: of or to
prefer: to
pregnant: with, by
prejudice (v.): against, by
prejudice (n.): against, for, in favor of
prejudicial: to
preoccupied: with
preparatory: to
prerequisite (n.): of
prerequisite (adj.): to
precedent: of
present (v.): to, with
present (adj.): to
preside: at, over
presume: on, upon
prevail: against, on or upon, over, with
prevent: from
preventive: of
preview: of
prior: to
privilege: of
prodigal: of
productive: of
proficient: in, at
profit: by, from
prohibit: by, from
prone: to
property: of
propitious: to
protest: against
provide: with, against, for
punish: with, by, for
punishable: by
purchase: of
purge: of, from
pursuit: of
put: in or into, on, to

Q
qualify: for, as, to

R
ranging: between, from ... to, within
reason (v.): about or on, with
reason (n.): for
rebellious: against or to
receptives: to
recognition: of
reconcile: to, with
redolent: of
regard: for, to
regardless: of
regret (v.): (no preposition)
regret (n.): for, over or about or concerning
relation: of, to, with
removal: from, of, to
renge: on
repent: of
replete: with
reprisal: for, against or upon
repugnance: between, against or for or of, to
repugnant: to
request (v.): to
request (n.): of, for, to
requirement: for, of
requisite: with
resemblance: among, between, of, to
resentment: against, at or for
respect: With respect to
responsibility: for
restrain: from
revel: in
revenge: for, upon
reward: by, for, with
rich: in
rid: of
rob: of
role: of
sanction: of, for
satiate: with
satisfaction: of, in, with
saturate: with
scared: at, by
search (v.): for
search (n.): for, of
seclusion: from
secure (adj.): in, of
secure (v.): by
sensible: about, of
sensitive: to
separate: from
serve: for, on, with
significant: of
similar: to
similarity: with, of
skillful: at or in, with
slave: of, to
solicitous: of, for, about
solution: of, to
sought: for or after
sparing: of
spy: upon
stock: in, of
strive: for, to, with, against
struck: by
subject: to, of
subscribe: for, to
substitute (n. and v.): for
suffer: with, from
suitable: for, to
superior: to
supplant: by
supplement: by or with
surprised: at, by
surround: by
suspect: of
sympathetic: with, to, toward
sympathize: in, with
sympathy: for, with, in
synchronous: to
tally: up, with
tamper: with
tantamount: to
taste: for, in, of
taunt: with
temporize: with	
tendency: to, toward
theorize: about
thoughtful: of
thrill (v.): at or to, with
thrilled: by
thronged: with
tinker: at or with
tired: of, from, with
tolerance: for, of, toward
tormented: by or with
transmute: into or to
treat: for, of, to, with
true: to, with
trust: in, to, with
umbrage: at, to
unconscious: of
unequal: in, to
unfavorable: for, to or toward
unite: by or in, with
unmindful: of
unpalatable: to
unpopular: with
use: in or of
useful: in, to
variance: with
vary: from, with
vest (v.): in, with
vexed: at, with
vie: with
view: of; in view of; with a view to
void: of
vulnerable: to
wait: for, on
want (n.): of
wanting: in
wary: of
way: of
willing: to
worthy: of, to
write: on, off, out
yearn: after, after, toward, with
yield: of, to
zeal: for, in