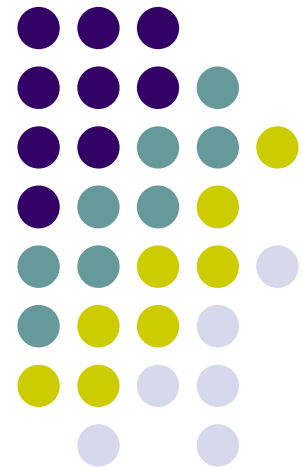


# Prepositions

Really useful words which give important information.





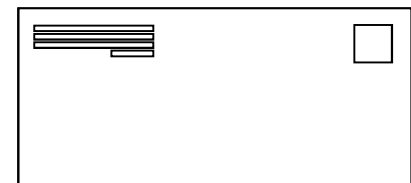
# What is a Preposition?

- A **preposition** is a word which shows the relationship between one thing and another.
- It links **nouns**, **pronouns** and **phrases** to other words in the sentence.
- The word or phrase that the **preposition** introduces is called the **object** of the sentence.

# What can prepositions tell you?



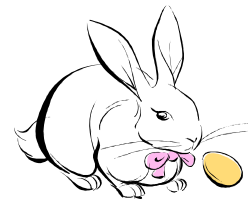
- It may tell you **where** a thing is in relation to something else.
- The juicy, red apple was **on** the book.
- It may tell you **when** something is in relation to another event.
- She refused to leave the house **until** the postman had been.



# What else can prepositions tell you?



- A preposition may tell you the **position** of something in relation to something else.
- The gentle, brown dog slept **beside** the fluffy white rabbit.





- It may also tell you the **direction** something is travelling in relation to something else.
- The gallant horseman was riding **along** the windy shoreline.



# Here are some more prepositions.



before behind from beneath

across below down throughout with

past among near above during under

outside toward upon over after through

# You can sometimes begin a sentence with a preposition.



- Without fear, the brave child climbed the tall mountain.
- Under the four poster bed, the lazy cat was having a snooze.
- Inside the old house there were all sorts of strange looking people.
- Along the hall crawled the large, spindly spider.





# Choosing Prepositions.

- Make sure you choose a preposition which is appropriate.
- Check that it makes sense in your sentence.
- Try to think of alternatives that may be more interesting, but still mean the same.
- Now you can use a variety of prepositions in your writing.