

Prepositions: Some special points to be noted

Cases where prepositions are omitted

Prepositions of time are generally omitted before words like '*last*', '*first*', '*next*' or '*this*'.

I met him last Friday. (NOT I met him on last Friday.)

We will discuss the matter next time.

I will visit my parents this week.

The use of preposition in the following types of sentences is optional.

I was here (in) the July before last.

They visited us (on) the day before yesterday.

He left the city (on) the next day.

We lived there (for) three months.

Prepositions are after certain verbs

Some intransitive verbs become transitive when a preposition is placed after them.

Examples are: *listen to*, *apply to*, *partake of*, *aware of*, *beware of*, *depend upon*, *dispense with*, *dispose of* and *prevail upon*

Different prepositions

Some words which differ slightly in form and meaning from each other take different prepositions after them.

Examples are:

Desire for; *desirous of*

Confidence in; *confident of*

According to; *in accordance with*

Sensible of; *insensible to*

Affection for; *affectionate to*

Ambition for; *ambitious of*

Fond of; *fondness for*

Neglectful of; *negligent in*

Dislike to; *liking for*

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Gerund after preposition

The infinitive cannot be used with certain words which require a preposition followed by a gerund.

I am thinking of visiting my parents.

He is bent of attending the meeting.

You have no excuse for being late.