



Prepositions

Usage Aspects



To show position / location

The bookshop is located **between** two eateries.

The bank is **opposite** a hotel called Blue Wave Hotel.

The ball rolled **across** the road.

The salmon are swimming **against** the current.



To show direction

The durian dropped **into** the river.

The thief ran **towards** the crowd.



To show time

Selvi waited **until** late at night.

Lucy dozed off **during** the seminar.



To show purpose

We came early **so that** we could meet you.

Shanti called **in order to** make reservations.



To show manner

The man was **in** great haste.

The youth laughed **in** amusement.



To show similarity

He likes to dress **as** a doctor.

He ate **like** a hungry tiger.



To show “the agent”

The cake was baked **by** Aini.

To show accompaniment

Rose went to the hospital **with** her mother.

Phrasal Verbs

I **came across** a Japanese at the supermarket.

You shouldn't **rely on** others too much.

Combined with adjectives

The salesman is very **angry with** us.

No one is **keen on** visiting the orchard.



Common Errors

Wrong Usage	Correct Usage
Lucy is good in drawing.	Lucy is good at drawing.
Are you keen in joining us?	Are you keen on joining us?
Congratulations for your success!	Congratulations on your success!
David was just on time to catch the train.	David was just in time to catch the train.
Do concentrate in your work.	Do concentrate on your work.
Divide the sweets between the four of you.	Divide the sweets among the four of you.