prepositional phrases

by

by accident
by all accounts
by appointment
by the arm/hand
by auction
by birth
by bus/train/plane, etc.
by chance
by cheque
by day/night
by design
by the dozen
by far
by hand
by heart
by invitation
by land/sea/air
by law
by luck
by means of
by mistake
by nature
by no means
by now
by oneself
by phone
by post
by request
by rights
by one’s side
by surprise
by the time
by the way
by word of mouth

I was so sleepy that I put salt in my coffee by accident.
By all accounts, Seville is a beautiful city.
The museum is open at weekends by appointment.
He took me by the hand as we walked along the beach.
We’re selling our antique furniture by auction.
I grew up in England but I’m Irish by birth.
Are you going to go there by bus or by train?
I found some money in my jacket pocket by chance.
I’ve never paid for anything by cheque.
The Eiffel Tower looks spectacular by night.
I became a teacher more by accident than by design.
I always buy eggs by the dozen. A dozen means 12.
Before Sunset is by far my favourite film - I just love it.
My granduncle built this house by hand.
At school we had to learn poems by heart.
Membership to the club is by invitation only.
I get sick whenever I travel by sea.
Dog owners must have a licence for their pets by law.
They played badly but won the match by luck.
I was able to afford the car by means of a bank loan.
I chose the wrong road by mistake. Now we’re lost.
German people tend to be quite organised by nature.
It’s by no means certain that the economy will improve.
If you don’t know me by now, you’ll never know me.
I don’t mind spending time by myself.
Get in touch with me by phone if you need any help.
Do you think it’s safe to send cash by post?
Guided tours of the gallery are available by request.
By rights, it’s my turn to play but you can go ahead.
He was by her side whenever she needed him.
The unusual question took John by surprise.
I’ll have gone to bed by the time you get home.
By the way, I won’t be able to come to class next week.
The best form of advertising is by word of mouth.
### prepositional phrases

**for**
- for ages
- for breakfast/lunch/dinner
- for certain/sure
- for a change
- for ever (or forever)
- for example
- for fear of
- for fun
- for good
- for granted
- for hire
- for instance
- for luck
- for life
- for love
- for a moment
- for the moment
- for nothing
- for once
- for the rest of
- for safekeeping
- for sb's sake
- for the sake of
- for sale
- for short
- for the time being
- for a visit/holiday
- for a walk
- for a while

**from**
- from experience
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| from time to time    | I still think of her from time to time.
### prepositional phrases

- *in moderation* I eat meat in moderation as I think too much is bad for you.
- *in no time* Study every day and your level of English will improve in no time.
- *in one's free time* I enjoy hanging out with friends in my free time.
- *in other words* I haven’t got a penny to my name this month. In other words, I’m broke.
- *in pain* The vet decided to put down the animal as it was in a lot of pain.
- *in particular* I enjoyed my trip to London; in particular, I loved Camden Town.
- *in person* I’ve spoken to him on facebook but never met him in person.
- *in practice / theory* In theory, summers should be warm and sunny but it never happens here.
- *in prison/jail* There’s not a single corrupt politician in prison, which is simply wrong.
- *in private/public* I have to speak to you in private. Do you have a minute?
- *in return* I teach her English and she teaches me Spanish in return.
- *in sb’s interest* It’s in your best interest to do a bit of exercise every day.
- *in sb’s opinion* In my opinion, Florence is the most beautiful city in the world.
- *in season* I try to buy vegetables and fruits that are in season.
- *in secret* I told you that story in secret and you told half of the world!
- *in self-defence* The defendant claimed he had been acting in self-defence.
- *in some respects* In some respects, I had been expecting Brexit but I’m still surprised.
- *in stock* I wanted to buy the jacket but the shop didn’t have my size in stock.
- *in summer/winter* There’s nothing better than going to the beach in summer.
- *in tears* He insulted her appearance and she left the party in tears.
- *in the air* There was a feeling of tension in the air when he entered the room.
- *in the beginning* It was hard in the beginning but I soon adapted to life in Ireland.
- *in the dark* She hasn’t told me anything. I’m in the dark about her decision.
- *in the end* In the end, family and friends are the most important people in life.
- *in the habit of* I’m in the habit of waking up early and going for a run.
- *in the meantime* The film starts at 19:00. In the meantime, let’s have some dinner.
- *in the mood for* I’m not in the mood for English class now. I’d prefer to watch a movie.
- *in the mountains* Do you like spending time in the mountains or do you prefer the sea? Silly celebrities are often in the news in my country. It’s a shame.
- *in the news* Stop walking around the flat in the nude - the neighbours can see you.
- *in time* I left my house early and arrived in time to have a coffee before work.
- *in touch* I’m not in touch with him any longer. We lost contact a few years ago.
- *in town* I’ll give you a call if I’m in town next week. It would be nice to catch up.
- *in two/half* I broke the chocolate bar in two and gave one half to my nephew.
- *in vain* I tried to convince her to go but all of my efforts were in vain.

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in #1

in a (good/bad) mood I’m not in a good mood today so leave me alone, please.
in a hurry I can’t talk right now as I’m in a hurry.
in a mess The whole house is in a mess. We need to tidy it today.
in a way Can money buy happiness? In a way, I think so.
in action I went to Camp Nou to see Lionel Messi in action last week.
in addition (to) In addition to feeling tired, I felt a bit sick.
in advance (of) It’s a busy restaurant so we should book a table in advance.
in agreement with I’m in agreement with many of the views of my classmates.
in any case I don’t want to go and in any case, I wasn’t invited.
in brief The interview was, in brief, a complete disaster.
in case (+ clause) Take an umbrella in case it rains.
in case of (+ noun) In case of emergency, dial 911.
in charge of I’d prefer to pay in cash, if you don’t mind.
in common (with) Our president is too incompetent to be in charge of the economy.
in comparison with I have a lot in common with my best friend.
in conclusion The weather in Scotland is awful in comparison with Italy.
in confidence In conclusion, I believe we should do more to help the poor.
in control (of) I told you that story in confidence but you told everyone.
in danger (of) He’s not in control of his emotions so he gets upset very easily.
in debt If you don’t change your diet, you’re in danger of being very ill.
in debt He’s in debt, which means he owes money to the bank.
in detail She described what had happened to her in detail.
in difficulty If you’re in difficulty, I’m happy to give you a helping hand.
in disguise Celebrities often go out in disguise in order to avoid paparazzi.
in doubt The festival is in doubt on account of the huge storm.
in exchange for I washed my father’s car in exchange for some pocket money.
in fact I don’t feel tired at all. In fact, I’m full of energy.
in fashion Beards were in fashion last year but they’re out of fashion now.
in favour of I’m in favour of banning bullfighting. What’s your view?
in front of There’s a bus stop right in front of my house, which is handy.
in future I’m not angry but in future, text me if you’re going to be late.
in general In general, I think that people in Ireland are very friendly.
in good/bad condition My car is in really bad condition so I need to get it repaired.
in ink/pencil It’s better to write in pencil so that you can correct it later.
in love (with) I fell in love with her the moment I met her.
**PREPOSITIONS**

He accused me of taking the money.
Are you accustomed to driving here?
I'm addicted to coca-cola.
I'm afraid of spiders.
Sorry, I don't agree with you.
We agree on most subjects but not politics.
Are you allergic to anything?
I'm very angry at/with you.
I feel anxious about the interview.
I applied to the company for a job.
I don't approve of smoking near children.
I arrived at the airport an hour early.
When did you arrive in Ireland?
I'm ashamed of what I did last night.
The file is attached to this email.
I wasn't aware of the problem.
I'm really bad at singing.
This film is based on a book.
That doesn't belong to you. It's mine.
We belong with each other. It's true love!
She blamed me for what happened.
I'm bored with my job. I need a change.
I've been very busy with work.
Are you confident of passing the exam?
I'm trying to concentrate on my work.
I congratulated her on passing the exam.
The exam consists of speaking and writing.
You can count on me if you need help.
I'd love to go to the party so count me in.
I can't go to the party so count me out.
Some people are very cruel to animals.
Hurry! We're in danger of missing the bus.
I may go. It depends on the weather.
Ireland is very different to/from Italy.
I dreamt about you last night.
I'm dreaming of lying on a beach.
I was disappointed with the film.

I'm excited about moving to Ireland.
Are you familiar with Korean food?
That name is familiar to me.
My region is famous for its wine.
I'm fed up with this awful weather.
I'm very fond of my nephews and nieces.
He's really good at languages.
I'm grateful to you for your help.
Pollution is very harmful to the environment.
I heard about what happened in the news.
It's so nice to hear from you again.
Have you heard of a city called Galway?
Are you hooked on any TV series?
There has been an increase in unemployment.
She insisted on paying for the meal.
Are you interested in meeting me?
I'm involved in a few organisations.
You shouldn't be jealous of others.
You haven't been very kind to me lately.
I'm keen on reading and travelling.
Please, stop laughing at me.
What are you looking at?
He's been married to her for years.
I'm very pleased with my level of English.
I always try to be polite to people.
Greece is popular among/with tourists.
I'm extremely proud of you.
Who's responsible for what happened?
I'm sick of asking you to clean your room.
Do you spend money on expensive clothes?
Will you succeed in passing your driving test?
Horror films are not suitable for children.
I'll take care of you, don't worry.
I've been thinking about you recently.
I'll have to think of an excuse for being late.
I'm used to waking up early.
Are you worried about something?