

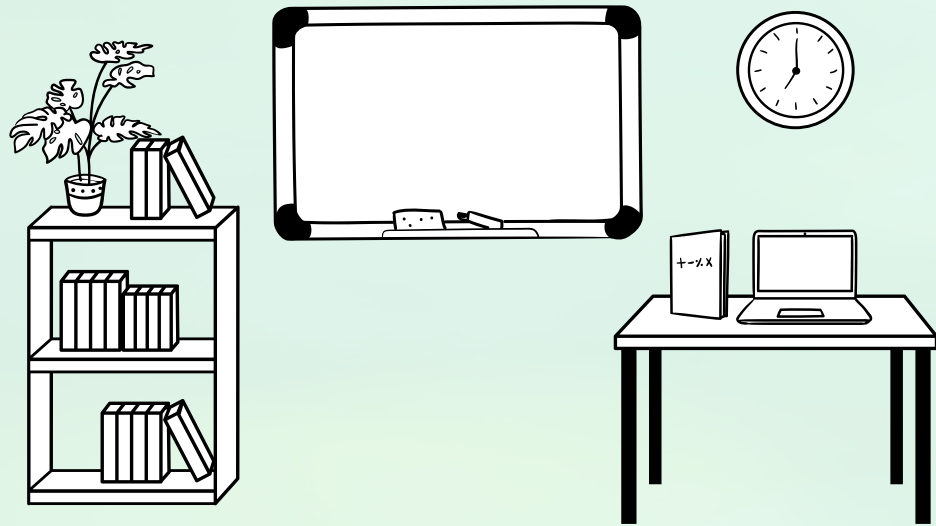


# Prepositions – At the End or Not?

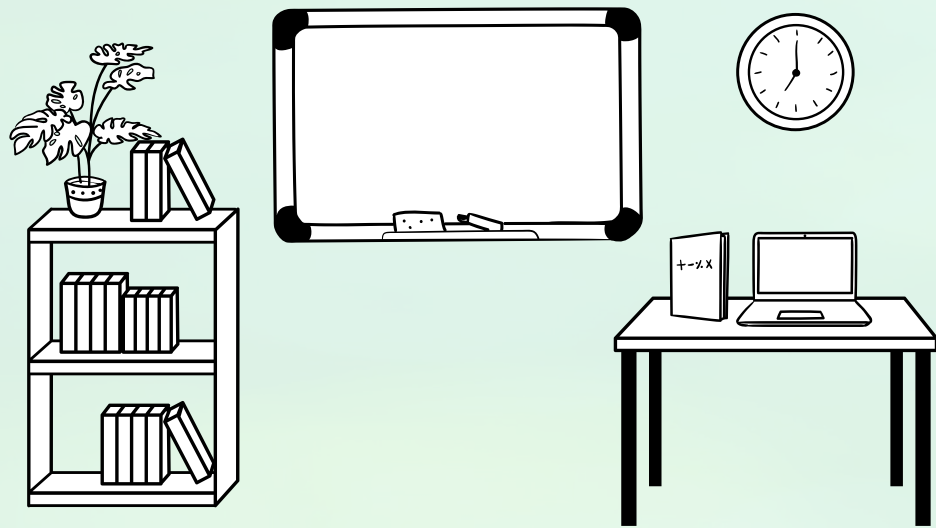
Master the art of flexibility in English grammar: knowing when ending with a preposition is perfectly fine and when to avoid it.

## Everyday English vs. Careful English English

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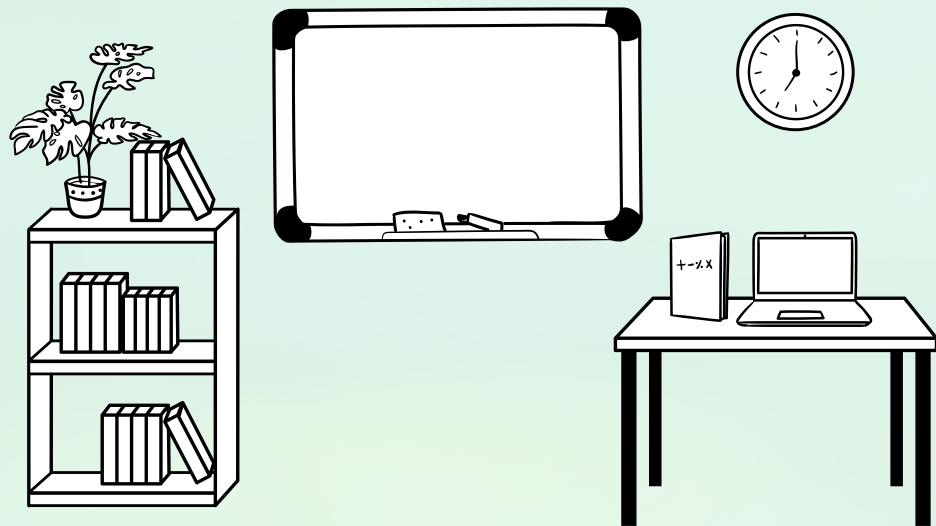


A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship between a noun (or pronoun) and another word in a sentence.

It often tells us about **place, time, direction, cause, manner, or means**.

A preposition is usually followed by a noun or pronoun, called the **object of the preposition**.

# What is a Preposition?



## Connectors

They establish relationships between different parts of a sentence.

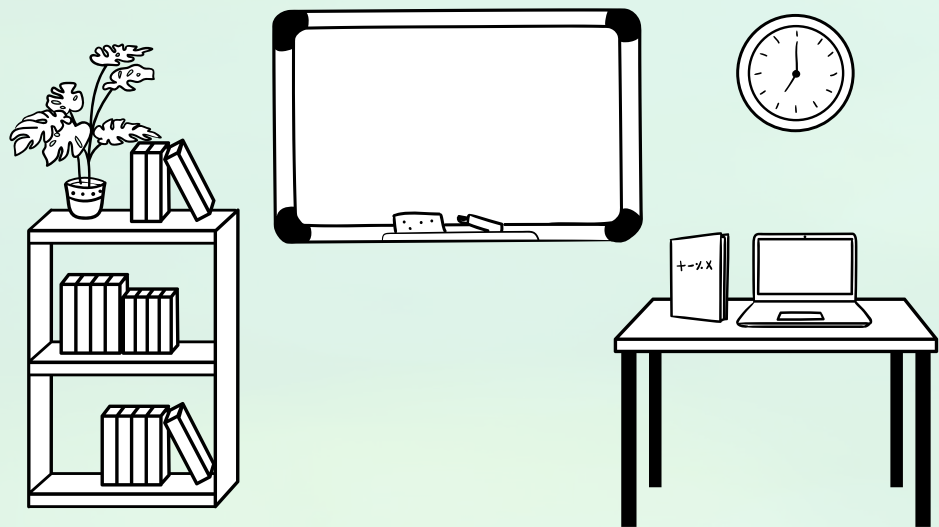
## Context Givers

They specify location, time, direction, and other essential details.

## Phrase Builders

They typically precede a noun or pronoun to form a complete prepositional phrase.

# Examples



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ℹ️ Alternative formal version: "To whom are you talking?"





# Side-by-Side Examples

Notice how both versions are grammatically correct – they simply serve different contexts and audiences.

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## Everyday English

- "That's the teacher I was waiting for."
- "This is the song I listened to."
- "Where did you come from?"

**2**

## Careful English

- "That's the teacher for whom I was waiting."
- "This is the song to which I listened."
- "From where did you come?"

# Controlled Practice

Transform these everyday sentences into their more formal versions. Focus on moving the preposition to the beginning.

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**This is the team I play for.**

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*Rewrite using formal structure*

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**He's the person I rely on.**

*Create the "whom" version*

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**That's the topic she's interested in.**

*Move the preposition forward*

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**This is the team for which I play.**

02

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**That's the topic in which she is interested.**  
*That's the topic she's interested in studying.*

03

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**He's the person on whom I rely.**  
*He's the person I really depend on.*

04

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**These are the friends with whom I travelled.**



# Communicative Practice

Practice asking and answering these questions in both styles. Notice how different they feel!

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## Round 1: Natural Style

- Who do you live with?
- What music do you listen to?
- Which city did you travel to?
- Who do you usually work with?

2

## Round 2: Formal Style

- With whom do you live?
- To what music do you listen?
- To which city did you travel?
- With whom do you usually work?



# Key Takeaways



## Everyday Speech

Ending with prepositions is completely natural and correct in conversation.



## Formal Writing

Avoid ending with prepositions in academic papers, tests, and formal documents.



## Master Skill

Flexibility between styles shows advanced English proficiency and cultural awareness.

Remember: Context determines correctness. Master both styles for confident communication!