

## ADVANCED PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

<b>to be absorbed in sth</b>	to be very interested in sth (a book/ a film/ your work/ a video game)	<i>I was so absorbed in my work that I missed lunch</i>
<b>aside from sth/sb</b>	except for/ apart from	
<b>an asset to sth</b>	very valuable to sth (company or institution)	<i>Jim is an asset to this company.</i>
<b>a ban on sth/doing sth</b>	an official prohibition	
<b>to cater for</b>	to provide things / a service that sb needs or wants	
<b>to comply with sth</b>	to do what you have to do or what you have been asked to do	<i>Contestants are expected to comply with the rules of the competition</i>
<b>to confide in sb (about sth)</b>	to tell sb sth which is private or personal	<i>You should be able to confide in your family doctor</i>
<b>to cope with sth</b>	to deal with a difficult situation or a problem	<i>I cannot cope with all this work.</i>
<b>to be credited with sth/doing sth</b>	to be considered responsible for sth good / important	<i>He is credited with the invention of microwave.</i>
<b>a cutback in sth</b>	a reduction in the numbers of sth or the amount of money spent on sth	<i>The cutbacks in staff were unavoidable.</i>
<b>to disapprove of sb/sth</b>	to dislike sb / sth	<i>I strongly disapprove of the way they spend money.</i>
<b>to excel at sth</b>	to be very good at sth	<i>She excels at math.</i>
<b>to be familiar with sth</b>	to know sth or understand it well	<i>Are you familiar with Microsoft Word?</i>
<b>to be hopeless at sth</b>	to be very bad at sth	<i>I'm hopeless at geography.</i>
<b>to have an impact on sth/sb</b>	to have a big effect on sth/sb	<i>The brewing time has a noticeable impact on the taste of coffee.</i>
<b>judging by sth</b>	based on what I can see / have seen / have heard, this is my opinion	<i>Judging by the look in his face, I'd say he just got fired.</i>
<b>to long for sth</b>	to really want sth	<i>She longed for him to take her dancing</i>

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<b>to be noted for</b>	to be well known and admired for	<i>This region of Czech Republic is noted for its delicious wine.</i>
<b>to persist in</b>	to continue to do sth even though you have been previous warned or told no to	<i>If you persist on being late, you will be expelled.</i>
<b>to be pressed / pushed for time</b>	to be in a hurry and hence have very little time to do sth	<i>I will have to take a cab, I'm a bit pressed for time.</i>
<b>prior to</b>	(formal) before	<i>We did a lot of material research prior to launching this product.</i>
<b>to have a reputation for</b>	to be well known for	<i>Adrian has a reputation for bringing breakfast for all the morning classes.</i>
<b>to talk sense into sb</b>	to persuade sb to stop doing sth foolish	<i>Someone has to talk some sense into him. He can't just cancel the whole play!</i>
<b>to update sb on sth</b>	to give sb the most recent news about sth	<i>The director wanted to be updated every day on the stage-building progress.</i>
<b>at all costs</b>	whatever happens, used with the verbs <b>avoid</b> and <b>prevent</b>	<i>Drinking the tap water should be avoided at all costs.</i>
<b>at the latest</b>	no later than (used with a time or a date)	<i>Entry forms must reach the office by May 3 at the latest.</i>
<b>to be at stake</b>	to be at risk	<i>We can't stop now. Too much is at stake.</i>
<b>in the long run</b>	at some time in the distant future	<i>The budget is okay for the time being. But in the long run we won't be able to avoid the cutbacks.</i>
<b>on behalf of</b>	as a representative of	<i>On behalf of the council, I wan to thank you all for your support.</i>
<b>on condition that</b>	(formal) if, and only if	<i>I will land you the camera on condition that you return it by tomorrow.</i>
<b>(to be) on good terms with sb</b>	to have a good relationship with sb	<i>I'm not on very good terms with him.</i>
<b>to be on the brink of</b>	to be very close to	<i>I think the production is on the brink of collapse.</i>

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<b>on the dot</b>	exactly; at an exact time, punctually	<i>The performance begins at 8 o'clock on the dot.</i>
<b>to be on the verge of</b>	to be very close to	<i>She was on the verge of tears.</i>
<b>beyond repair</b>	too badly damaged to be repaired	<i>The stage lights are beyond repair.</i>
<b>under the impression that</b>	to wrongly believe that sth is true	<i>I was under the impression that the rehearsal started at 7:30, not at 7:00.</i>
<b>on the grounds that</b>	for the reason that, because	<i>They objected to the proposal on the grounds that it would be too expensive.</i>
<b>in vain</b>	with no success	<i>Our labor was in vain.</i>
<b>in lieu of</b>	instead of	<i>They will allow you to receive cash in lieu of vacation time.</i>
<b>in the region of</b>	approximately	<i>They estimate that the temperature yesterday was in the region of 36 degrees.</i>
<b>in / out of keeping with sth</b>	suitable (or not) for a particular situation	<i>The modern decor was out of keeping with the antique setting.</i>
<b>on the fringe of</b>	not mainstream	<i>He is on the fringe of society.</i>
<b>underway</b>	having started and in progress	<i>Casting is well underway.</i>
<b>in bulk</b>	in large quantities and generally at a reduced price	<i>Retail multiples buy in bulk.</i>