

Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

Grammar

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word used with a noun or pronoun to show the relation of the thing denoted by the noun to something else. The preposition is generally in a position just before (pre-) the noun.

Prepositions may have originated as adverbs.

Besides standing alone, they may also form Compounds, in which they are joined to a verb or a noun.

For free prepositions (not part of a compound) :

If the noun is in the **Accusative**, the preposition may indicate "**movement towards**"

If the noun is in the **Genitive**, the preposition may indicate "**movement away from**"

If the noun is in the **Dative**, the preposition may indicate "**rest in place**"

	with Accusative	with Genitive	with Dative
ἀνα	up, upon	-	-
ἀντι	—	instead of, in the place of, against	-
ἀμφι	on both sides of, about	concerning	-
ἀπο	—	from, away from	-
ἄχρι	—	until, as far as	-
δια, δι'	because of	through, by means of, after	-
εἰς	into	-	-
ἐκ	—	out of, as a result of	-
ἐμπροσθεν	—	in front of, before (place)	-
ἐν	—	—	in, among, by, with, towards
ἐνεκα	—	on account of, for the sake of	-
ἐνωπιον	—	before (place)	-
ἐπι, ἐπ', ἐφ'	upon, onto, on	on, in, over, in the time of, on account of	on, upon, on account of, by, with a view to
ἐξω	—	out of, outside	-
ἕως	—	until, as far as	-
κατα, κατ', καθ'	according to	against, down from	-
μετα, μετ', μεθ'	after (a time)	with, among	-
ὀπισω	—	behind, after (place)	-
παρα, παρ'	to beside, alongside, beside	from beside, from (from someone)	rest beside, with, near, at the house of, in sight of
περι	round, around, approximately	concerning, about (something)	-
προ	—	before (time or place)	-
προς	—	—	at, near to
συν	—	—	with, together with (someone)
ὑπερ	above	on behalf of, for	-
ὑπο, ὑπ', ὑφ'	under	on behalf of, for, by (someone)	-
χωρις	—	apart from, without	-