



—= Prepositional Phrases =—

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ON

(Level 4-5)

on a diet – na dietě
 on a trip/journey/holiday... – na výletě
 on behalf of – jménem, v zájmu (v zastoupení)
 on board (a ship) – na palubě
 on business – služebně
 on condition (that) – za podmínky
 on credit – na dluh
 on fire – v plamenech, hořící
 on foot – pěšky
 on good/favorable terms – přátelsky/za dobrých podmínek
 on horseback – na koni, koňmo
 on my own – po mém, po vlastní ose, sám
 on purpose – záměrně

(Level 7-8)

on (the) watch (for) – na hlídce, stráží
 on a large/small/mass scale – ve velkém/malém měřítku/masově
 on a lease – pronajatý
 on a regular basis – pravidelně
 on account of – kvůli (The game was called off on account of the darkness.)
 on average – v průměru (How many sunny days are there on average in your country?)
 on bail – na kauci (He will try to quit the country if he is released on bail.)
 on display – vystavený (Our new products are going to be on display by the end of the month.)
 on edge – celý nespůj, nevrhlý (I've been on edge all day.)
 on guard – na stráží

(Level 4)

all in all – celkem vzato (kolem a kolem)
 in a hurry – ve spěchu
 in trouble – v nesnázích
 in a minute – za minutu
 in a row – v řadě
 in advance – v předstihu, předem
 in conflict (with) – ve sporu s
 in danger – v nebezpečí
 in debt – v dlužích

(Level 6)

in the end – nakonec, konečně (X at the end of)
 in other words – jinými slovy
 in practice/theory – prakticky/teoreticky
 in no time – ihned
 in return – za odměnu
 in the meantime – mezitím
 in vain – zbytečně
 in touch – v kontaktu
 in stock – na skladě
 in pain/agony – v bolestech/utrpení

on purpose – záměrně
 on sale – ve výprodeji
 on strike – ve stávce
 on the first name basis – tykat si
 on the one hand/on the other hand – na jednu/druhou stranu
 on the spot – na místě, ihned
 on the way – na cestě
 on time – na čas, včas
 on TV/the internet/the radio
 on/behind the schedule – podle plánu/pozadu
 on/off duty – ve službě
 on/off the road – na silnici/mimo silnici

on occasion – příležitostně (They visit New York on occasion.)
 on principal – principiálně, ze zásady (We sell our goods on principle only through our representative.)
 on tap – na čepu (točené) (They have real ale on tap.)
 on the contrary – naopak
 on the high seas – na širém moři
 on the house – na účet podniku
 on the inside/outside – uvnitř/navenek
 on the instant – okamžitě
 on the leash – na vodítku
 on the loose – na svobodě
 on the move – v pohybu
 on the pretext (that) – pod záminkou (že)
 on/off the record – (ne)oficiálně

IN

in doubt – na pochybách
 in fact – ve skutečnosti
 in fear (of) – ve strachu
 in good health – v dobrém zdraví
 in my opinion – dle mého názoru
 in private – v soukromí
 in public – na veřejnosti
 in secret – v tajnosti
 in tears – v slzách

in a way – určitým způsobem, do jisté míry
 in charge of – mít na starosti
 in general – obecně vzato
 in any case – v každém případě
 in common (with) – společného
 in comparison (with) – ve srovnání s
 in case of – v případě...
 in addition (to) – *In addition to feeling tired, I felt a bit sick.*
 in blossom/bloom – kvetoucí. *Our back yard is so colorful now that all the flowers are in blossom.*

(Level 8+)

in view of – se zřetelem k. *In view of the situation, let's not participate in the funeral.*

in unison – jednohlasně. Speaking or singing at the same time; simultaneously; *They shouted Yes! in unison.*

in/by twos, threes, fives – (počítat) po dvou, třech...

in turn(s) – postupně, střídavě; na oplátku. *You will get your opportunity in turn, but right now it's Rita's time.*

in turmoil/chaos – v chaosu

in tune (with) – vyhovovat, být na stejné vlně. *I'm sure she feels the same way I do because we're always in tune with each other. Grey is perfectly in tune with his subject.*

in time for – stihnout. *I wasn't in time the beginning of the movie.*

in the wake of – bezprostředně po, následkem. In the aftermath of something, often as a consequence. *In the wake of the scandal, several committee members resigned.*

in the space of – v rozmezí. During a certain period or length of time. Usually used to emphasize that the amount of time is quite small, relative to what is being done. *In the space of just a few hours, I've been fired, dumped, and evicted.*

in the short run/in the long term – v krátké/dlouhé době, perspektivě

in the old days – za starých časů, v dávných dobách. We would give him proper beating, back in the old days.

in the nick of time – jako na zavolanou, na poslední chvíli. At the last possible moment before a deadline or before something begins or ends; just in time. *That car moved off the track in the nick of time—another moment and the train would have smashed into it. You got here in the nick of time—we're just about to start the show.*

in the open – na otevřeném prostranství; v přírodě. Literally, in an unenclosed or outdoor space. *In my town you could leave your car unlocked out in the open.*

in accordance (with) – v souladu s, podle. *Those soldiers set out at dawn in accordance with their commander's orders.*

in agreement (with) – ve shodě, souhlasit s. *I am completely in agreement with your policy.*

in disguise – v přestrojení, tajně. *Santa Claus was really the little child's father in disguise.*

in jeopardy – v ohrožení, vystaveno riziku. In danger or at risk; imperiled. *The recent scandal put her hopes of election in jeopardy. The company's entire future is in jeopardy if we can't find more investors.*

FOR

(Level 4+)

for a change – We always go there. Let's go to another bar for a change.

for a moment – For a moment, I thought she was being serious. (*na chvíli*)

for ages – I haven't seen you for ages. Where have you been? (*věky*)

for breakfast/lunch/dinner – What did you have for breakfast today?

for certain/sure – I know for certain that I won't be here next year.

for ever (or forever) – Nobody can live for ever, unfortunately.

for fun – I don't take sport seriously, I do it just for fun.

for a visit/holiday – I'm in the mood for a holiday. Let's go somewhere.

for a walk/hike/swim/drink – I needed to calm down so I went for a long walk.

for good – I'm not coming back. This time I'm leaving for good.

for instance – You could, for instance, walk instead of taking the car.

for the rest of – I could live here for the rest of my life. (*po zbytek...*)

(Level 7+)

for fear of – I didn't tell him for fear of upsetting him.

for granted – Don't take your parents for granted, appreciate them. (*brát za samozřejmost*)

for hire – There are cars and vans for hire at the airport.

for luck – I always wear this bracelet for luck.

for life – Working for the government is a job for life. (*doživotně*)

for love – I definitely don't do it for the money, I do it for love. (*z lásky*)

for the moment – I'm happy living in London for the moment. (*momentálně*)

for nothing – I can't believe it's closed. I came all this way for nothing. (*zbytečně*)

for once – Late again! For once, can you try to arrive on time? (*projednou*)

for somebody's sake – Maria was upset so I had to be calm for her sake. (*kvůli*)

for the sake of – They stayed together for the sake of their children.

for the time being – I'm happy in my current job for the time being.

AT

(Level 6+)

at the door/table/... – There's somebody at the door.
 at first – At first, I was happy here but now I'm not. (*nejprve*)
 at hand – I always have a pen at hand in case I need to take notes.
 (*po ruce, k dispozici*)
 at ... km per hour – He was fined £150 for driving at 200km per hour.
 at last – At last, our bus has arrived. Thank goodness! (*konečně*)
 at once – Everybody started talking at once. (*najednou*)
 at random – Numbers are selected at random in a lottery. (*náhodně*)
 at the same... – I had fun and improved my English at the same time.

(Level 7+)

at the age of – I learned to drive at the age of 21. (*ve věku*)
 at all costs (*za každou cenu*)/at high c. (*draze*)/at no c. (*zdarma*) – I need to pass this exam at all costs.
 at fault – Who was at fault for the accident? (*na vině*)
 at first sight – We met at university and it was love at first sight.
 at a glance – I knew at a glance that something was wrong. (*na letmý pohled*)
 at a guess – At a guess, 50 people were at the party. (*odhadem*)
 at the latest – Cinderella had to be home by 12 at the latest.
 (*nejpozději*)
 at length – My dad could talk at length about Irish history. (*dlouze, detailně, zřetelně*)

(Level 6+)

out of/in fashion – vyšlý z módy
 out of breath – udýchaný, bez dechu
 out of context – vytržený z kontextu
 out of control – neovladatelný
 out of curiosity/jealousy/love/hatred
 out of hand – (vymknuté) z ruky. (*I just wanted to scare him a bit but it got out of my hand.*)
 out of ideas/time/money... – něco došlo

(Level 8+)

out of/in print – rozebraná (už se netiskne). (*I'm sorry, the book has been out of print for a few years.*)
 out of date – zastaralý, nemoderní
 out of/in step – mimo rytmus/v rytmu
 out of choice – dobrovolně, z vlastní vůle
 out of pity – z lítosti
 out of place – nemístný, nepříhodný, nevhodný (*I'm afraid your type of humor might be a little out of place in such a formal venue. I always felt out of place in school, like I was there by mistake.*)

at university – I studied economics at university.
 at war/peace – Both countries were at war for almost twenty years.
 at... age – When I was at your age...; At what age did you start driving?
 at your service (*k vašim službám*)
 at your disposal – We'll have a lot of tools at our disposal. (*k dispozici*)
 at best/worst/most/least
 (*přínejlepším/přínejhorším/maximálně/minimálně*)

at present – At present, I'm working for a multinational company.
 (*v současnosti*)
 at any rate – At any rate, I'm confident I'll find a job soon. (*v každém případě, rozhodně*)
 at times – At times, I feel like giving up. (*místy, občas*)
 at your (own) risk – You can take part in the expedition at your own risk. (*na vlastní riziko*)
 at (your) will – Fire at will! Can you go to the forest at will? (*dle libosti*)
 at stake – Our reputation is at stake. (*v sázce*)

OUT

out of one's mind – pomatený (*Are you out of your mind?*)
 out of order – mimo provoz
 out of reach – mimo dosah
 out of sight – z dohledu
 out of stock – vyprodáno
 out of (sb's) way – Get out of my way. = Jdi mi z cesty.
 out of work – nezaměstnaný

out of practice – (vyšel) ze cviku
 out of respect (for) – z úcty (k)
 out of spite – naschvál, z trucu, ze vzdoru
 out of tune – rozladěný, neseřížený
 out of use – zastaralý, přestalo se používat
 out of the ordinary – neobyčejný
 out of the question – vyloučeno

(Level 5-6)

- by accident – I was so sleepy that I put salt in my coffee by accident.
- by bus/train/plane, etc. – Are you going to go there by bus or by train?
- by chance – I found some money in my jacket pocket by chance. (*náhodou, shodou okolností*)
- by far – Before Sunset is by far my favorite film – I just love it. (*zdaleka*)
- by heart – At school we had to learn poems by heart. (*z paměti*)
- by the hand – He took me by the hand as we walked along the beach.
- by land/sea/air – I get sick whenever I travel by sea.
- by mistake – I chose the wrong road by mistake. Now we're lost.

(Level 7+)

- by all accounts – By all accounts, Seville is a beautiful city. (*podle všebo*)
- by appointment – The museum is open at weekends by appointment. (*dle domluvy*)
- by auction – We're selling our antique furniture by auction.
- by birth – I grew up in England but I'm Irish by birth.
- by cheque/card – I've never paid for anything by cheque.
- by day/night – The Eiffel Tower looks spectacular by night. (*za dne/za noci*)
- by design – I became a teacher more by accident than by design. (*z úměrně, cíleně*)
- by hand – My granduncle built this house by hand. All these items have been made by hand. (*ručně*)
- by law – Dog owners must have a license for the pets by law.
- by luck – They played badly but won the match by luck. (*šťastně, se štěstím*)
- by means of – I was able to afford the car by means of a bank loan. (*přes, prostřednictvím, pomocí*)

(Level 7+)

- to an extent – do určité míry. *Our administration is willing to negotiate to an extent, but we aren't ready to make any significant changes to the legislation.*
- to and fro(m) – sem a tam
- to date/to this day – doposud, dodnes
- to excess – přes míru, nadměrně, do krajnosti. *I started to lose weight once I stopped regularly eating to excess. I'll go to the pub with you guys, but I'm not drinking to excess tonight*
- to one's astonishment – k něčemu překvapení, úžasu
- to one's credit – A phrase acknowledging that one deserves credit or recognition for something positive. (k jeho cti...) *To his credit, he has donated consistently without requesting anything in return.*
- to one's dismay – k mému zděšení
- to sb's face – do obličej. *He said it to my face.*

BY

- by no means/by all means – It's by no means certain that the economy will improve. (*v žádném případě/v každém případě, ovšem*)
- by now/February/next month – If you don't know me by now, you'll never know me. (*touto dobou, doted/do února...*)
- by oneself – I don't mind spending time by myself.
- by phone/post/e-mail/text – Do you think it's safe to send cash by post.
- by the time – I'll have gone to bed by the time you get home. (*tou dobou*)
- by the way – By the way, I won't be able to come to class next week.
- bit by bit
- step by step

- by nature – German people tend to be quite organized by nature. (*od přírody*)
- by request – Guided tours of the gallery are available by request. (*na přání, na požádání*)
- by right(s) – By rights, it's my turn to play but you can go ahead. (*po právu, právem*)
- by one's side – He was by her side whenever she needed him.
- by surprise – The unusual question took John by surprise. (*překvapit*)
- by word of mouth – The best form of advertising is by word of mouth. (*ústně*)
- by and large – By and large, rosebushes need lots of care. (*zkrátka a dobře, celkem vzato*)
- by force – I was only able to convince them by force. (*násilím, nátlakem*)
- by hearsay – I only know about it by hearsay. (*z doslechu*)
- by the book – He always insists that we go by the book. (*podle pravidel*)

TO

- to the best of – To the absolute or utmost extent of something. *To the best of my knowledge,...* *The team played to the best of their ability.*
- to the core – Fully or completely; in the most essential or inherent way. (skrz naskrz; tělem i duší) *That company is just rotten to the core.*
- to the detriment of (sb) – ke škodě, k újmě. *To the detriment of some of our customers, we couldn't reimburse their loss.*
- to the fore – do popředí, na očích veřejnosti. *The tennis legend came to the fore when she was just 15 years old.*
- to the full – úplně, zcela. *Everyone enjoyed the performance to the full. I have studied the works of Chaucer to the full.*
- to the letter – do puntíku, doslova
- to the satisfaction of – ke spokojenosti. *To the satisfaction of all our family's members, he consented to take care of the Christmas dinner.*

UNDER

(Level 6+)

under/in the circumstances – za těchto okolností
under arrest – zatčený
under construction – ve výstavbě
under control – pod kontrolou
under fire – pod palbou, na bitevním poli
under guarantee – pod zárukou

(Level 8+)

under age – nezletilý. *He was sentenced to five years in prison for dating a girl who was under age.*
under pretext (of) – pod záminkou. *Under pretext of reading the newspaper, he listened to the whole story.*
under consideration – zvažovaný, posuzovaný
under cover of (storm, darkness, fog...) – pod ochranou, pod záminkou
under discussion – projednáváný

under pressure – z přinucení
under sb's rule – za něčí vlády
under stress – pod tlakem, ve stresu
under the command (of) – pod velením
under the influence (of) – pod vlivem
under development – ve stadiu vývoje

under investigation – ve stadiu vyšetřování
under lock and key – pod zámkem
under oath – pod přísahou
under one's protection – pod něčí ochranou
under strain – v napětí
under suspicion – v podezření
under the impression that – pod dojmem
under treatment – v léčbě

WITH

(Level 6+)

with/without success – ne/úspěšně
with a view to – s cílem, se záměrem, aby. *He's painting and decorating the house with a view to selling it for a good price.*
with a will – with determination and enthusiasm (ochotně, energicky). *The children worked with a will to finish the project on time. The workers set about manufacturing the new products with a will.*
with an eye to (wards) – se zřetelem na, s úmyslem (udělat). *We moved back in with my parents, with an eye towards saving up for a house.*
with astonishment/amazement – s úžasem
with regard/respect to – s ohledem (na), vzhledem k. *With regard to that proposal, I think we should postpone it for now.*

with reference to – s ohledem na, pokud jde o, s odvoláním na. *With reference to your above mentioned report we wish to inform you that...*

with haste – narychlo, ve spěchu
with pleasure – s radostí, velmi rád, ochotně
with all (due) respect – se vši úctou
with difficulties – stěží, nesnadno
with care – opatrně, pečlivě. *You should handle the device with care.*
with child – těhotná
with the aid/help of – s pomocí. *With the aid of his friends, was able to finish it in the end.*
with the exception of – s výjimkou. *I really enjoy my new job, with the exception of the long hours.*

WITHIN

(Level 6+)

within 10 days/months/years – do 10 dní
within 5 km/miles – do/během 5 km.
within a stone's cast/thrown – co by kamenem dohodil
within/out of earshot – na doslech. *Children were told to stay within earshot.*
within (sb's) grasp/reach – na dosah

within gunshot – na dostřel
within sight – na dohled
within the limits/bounds – v mezích
within one's budget/means – cenově dostupný
within one's power – v něčích silách
within walking/striking distance – blízko