

## prep•o•si•tion

*n. Abbr. prep.*

**Definition:** a word placed typically before a noun, pronoun, or substantive and indicating the relation of that noun, pronoun, or substantive to a verb, an adjective, or another noun, pronoun, or substantive; as English *at, by, with, from, in regard to, etc.*

Some prepositions denote *coming toward*. These are generally followed by the accusative case. Other prepositions describe *going away from* or *a stationary state* and generally are followed by the ablative case. While it is helpful to know these general characteristics of Latin prepositions, learning the meaning of a preposition and the case(s) it expects are crucial to reading Latin easily and effectively.

Preposition	Case	Meaning
A/ab	ablative	away from
ad	accusative	to, towards
ante	accusative	before
contra	accusative	against
cum	ablative	with
de	ablative	about; down from
e/ex	ablative	out of
in	accusative	into (in motion)
	ablative	in (at rest)
inter	Accusative	among
per	accusative	through
post	accusative	behind, after
praeter	accusative	past, beyond, except
pro	ablative	before, on behalf of
prope	accusative	near
propter	accusative	on account of
sine	ablative	without
sub	accusative	under, close to (in motion)
	ablative	under (at rest)
supra/super	accusative	over, above
trans	accusative	across

