

## *Prepositions*

### **Positions of Prepositions**

In English sentences, prepositions may come at initial, middle and last of the sentences.

For example,

This is a book of poems.

This man goes to Delhi.

The school assembly begins at ten o' clock.

In the above sentences, prepositions (**of, to, at**) are used before nouns (poem, Delhi, ten o'clock)

What are you afraid of?

She likes being looked at.

Science is something I have lot of difficulty with.

There are some words such as **afraid of, looked at, difficulty with,** which come at the end of the sentence.

Who are you **thinking of?**

What are you **looking at?**

What are you so angry **about?**

Where has the bus come **from?**

**If a question starts with Wh-words and how then prepositions come at the end of the questions.**

There is the house I told you about.

You remember the boy I was going out with.

This is that place that I am afraid of.

This is the man I was referring to.

**In relative clauses, prepositions come at the end.**

I hate being laughed at.

The patient has already been operated on.

**In passive clauses, prepositions come at the end.**

It is a boring place to live in.

I need something to write with.

**With infinitive phrases, prepositions come at the end.**

Who is it for?

What is she like?

What was it about?

**If am, is, are, was, were work as the main verb in a question then prepositions will come at the end of the questions.**

For whom was the warning intended?

On which flight is the general travelling?

The problem about which I consulted you has been solved.

**With Wh-question and relative clauses, prepositions may be used in the beginning of the sentence.**

Who do you intend to travel with?

With whom do you intend to travel?

**Prepositions do not use before who but it is used before whom.**

There is the girl that I used to be love with.

It was the girl with whom I used to be in love. (not with that...)

**In relative clauses, prepositions can only come before whom or which, not before that.**

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