



BASIC PREPOSITIONS

In this lesson you will learn some basic prepositions in French, mainly using the verb « être » (to be) and verbs from the first group. Prepositions help describe the location of people or objects. Let's begin!

PREPOSITION	PRONUNCIATION	TRANSLATION
à	[ah]	To/At
de	[duh]	Of/From
en	[ah(n)]	In/On/At
sur	[soor]	On
sous	[soo]	Under
devant	[duh-vah(n)]	In Front Of
derrière	[deh-ryehr]	Behind
entre	[ah(n)-truh]	Between
avec	[ah-vehk]	With
sans	[sah(n)]	Without

Examples:

- Je suis **à** l'école. *I am **at** school.*
- C'est le livre **de** Marie. *It's Marie's book.*
- Je suis **en** France. *I am **in** France.*
- Le chat est **sur** la table. *The cat is **on** the table.*
- Les clés sont **sous** le tapis. *The keys are **under** the rug.*
- La voiture est **devant** la maison. *The car is in **front of** the house.*
- Le chien est **derrière** le chat. *The dog is **behind** the cat.*
- Elle est assise **entre** Pierre et Léa. *She is sitting **between** Pierre and Léa.*
- Je suis **avec** des amis au cinéma. *I am with friends **at** the cinema.*
- Elle mange la salade **sans** vinaigrette. *She eats the salad **without** dressing.*

Practice using these basic prepositions with the verb « être » and first-group verbs to describe locations and relationships. You can also create your own sentences using these prepositions to reinforce your understanding.

Exercise 1 : Complete the following sentences with the appropriate preposition.

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| 01. Je vais _____ la plage. | – I am going to the beach. |
| 02. Mon livre est _____ la table. | – My book is on the table. |
| 03. Elle habite _____ Paris. | – She lives in Paris. |
| 04. Nathan est _____ Mathilde. | – Nathan is with Mathilde. |
| 05. Le chat est _____ le canapé. | – The cat is on the couch. |
| 06. Ils sont _____ France. | – They are in France. |
| 07. Les clés sont _____ la voiture. | – The keys are in the car. |
| 08. Le restaurant est _____ la rue. | – The restaurant is on the street. |
| 09. Je suis assis _____ la chaise. | – I am sitting on the chair. |
| 10. Le gâteau est _____ le réfrigérateur. | – The cake is in the refrigerator. |

Exercise 2 : Translate the following sentences into French using the appropriate preposition:

01. I am in Paris now.
02. She places(1) the pen on the table.
03. The cat and the dog are in front of the house.
04. The boy is in France.
05. The jam is in the refrigerator.

(1) Use the verb « poser. » (to place)