

FRENCH PREPOSITIONS



Why Are French Prepositions So Tricky?

Prepositions might be small, but they can cause big headaches for French learners. In English, we don't usually think twice about using words like *to*, *in*, *on*, or *for*, but in French, these tiny words carry a lot of weight—and they don't always match up neatly with their English equivalents.

Take *chez*, for example. How do you translate that? Sometimes it means *at someone's house*, other times *at the doctor's*, or even *in the world of*. And what about the difference between *en* and *dans*—both of which can mean *in*? Or how *depuis*, *pendant*, and *dès* can all relate to time, but in very different ways?

That's why I've created a series of lessons focused on **one preposition at a time**—each with clear explanations, simple examples, and cultural notes when needed. This list includes the prepositions I've already covered, plus a

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few more you'll definitely come across. Click any link below to dive into the lesson!

French Prepositions with English Equivalents

- [à](#) – to, at, in
- [après](#) – after
- autour de – around
- avant – before
- avec – with
- [chez](#) – at the home of, at (someone's place), among
- [contre](#) – against
- [dans](#) – in, inside
- [de](#) – of, from
- [depuis](#) – since, for (a duration)
- [dès](#) – as soon as, from
- durant – during

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- [en](#) – in, into, by (transport)
- entre – between
- [envers](#) – toward (figurative: attitude or feeling)
- [jusque](#) – until, up to
- malgré – despite, in spite of
- [par](#) – by, through
- parmi – among
- [pendant](#) – during, for (a time period)
- pour – for, in order to
- [sans](#) – without
- selon – according to
- [sur](#) – on, about
- sauf – except
- [vers](#) – toward (directional)

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Learning French prepositions can feel overwhelming at first. With time and practice, they'll start to feel more natural. These little words are used constantly in conversation, reading, and writing, so getting comfortable with them will help you sound more fluent and express yourself with greater ease.

Take your time, revisit the lessons when needed, and trust the process. You're building a strong foundation for your French—and every preposition you learn is one step closer to confidence.

Bon courage et bon apprentissage!

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