

Editorial Graphics and Publishing Services

The Right Preposition

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A

abashed: *at, before, in*

abate: *in, by (or no preposition)*

aberration: *from, of*

abhorrence: *of*

abhorrent: *to*

ability: *at, with*

abound: *in, with*

abridge: *from*

abridgment: *of*

absolve: *from (sometimes of)*

abstain: *from,*

abstinence: *from.*

abstract (v.): *from*

abut: *against, on*

accede: *to*

accessories: *in, of In a picture;
of dress.*

accessory: *after, before, to*

accident: *of, to*

accommodate: *to, with*

accompany: *by, with*

accord (n.): *between, of, with*

accord (v.): *in, to*

accordance: *with*

accordant: *with, to*

according: *as, to*

accountable: *for, to*

accuse: *of*

acquaintance: *among, between,
of, with*

acquiesce: *in*

acquit: *of, with*

adapt: *for, from, to*

addicted: *to*

adept: *at or in*

adequate: *for, to*

adhere: *to*

adherence: *to*

adhesion: *of, to*

adhesive: *to*

adjacent: *to*

adjust: *for, to*

admit: *of, into or to*

admittance: *to*

admonished: *by (Biblical: of. Moses
was admonished of God.)*

advantage: *of, over*

adverse: *to*

advert: *to*

advise: *of or concerning*

advocate: *of*

affiliate: *with, to*

affinity: *between, with*

aggression: *on or upon (Upon
preferred.)*

aid (v.): *in*

alien: *to, from*

alienation: *from, of, between*

allegiance: *from, to*

ally: *to, with*

alongside: *(no preposition)*

aloof: *from*

alternate (v.): *with*

amalgam: *of*

amalgamate: *into, with*

amazement: *at*

ambition: *for*

ambitious: *of (Formerly for or after.)*

amenable: *to*

amity: *between, with*

amorous: *of, by*

amplify: *by, on or upon (or no
preposition)*

amused: *at or by, with*

analogous: *to*

analogy: *between, with*

anesthetize: *by*

anger: *at, toward*

angry: *at, with*

annoyed: *by, at or with*

antipathetic: *to*

antipathy: *against or to, between, for
or to*

anxiety: *about or concerning, for*

anxious: *about, for*

apart: *from*

apathy: *of, toward*

append: *to*

appetite: *for*

apply: *for, to*

apportion: *among, between, to*

appreciation: *of, for*

apprehensive: *of, for*

approximation: *of, to*

apropos: *of (or no preposition)*

arrive: *at, in, upon*

arrogate: *to, for*

aside: *from*

aspiration: *after, toward*

aspire: *to, after, toward*

assent: *to*

assist: *at, in, with*

associate: *with*

assuage: *by, with*

assumption: *of*

astonished: *at, by*

attainable: *by or to*

attempt (n.): *at*

attempt (v.): *to*

attend: *on, to, (or no preposition)*

attended: *with, by*

attest: *to (or no preposition)*

attribute (v.): *to*

attribute (n.): *of*

augmentation: *by, of*

augmented: *by, with*

augur: *from, of, for*

authority: *of, on*

auxiliary: *of, in*

avaricious: *of*

avenge: *on or upon*

averse: *to. (Rarely, from.)*

aversion: *to or toward, for or toward*

B

bail (n.): *on, in*

based: *on, upon, in*

basis: *for, of*

becoming: *to, in*

begin: *by, in, with*

beguile: *by, of, with*

benefactor: *of*

bereaved, bereft: *of*

bid (-.): *for, on, in*

blame: *for*

blase: *about*

boast: *of, about*

borne: *by, upon*

break (v.): *with*

break (n.): *in*

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C

candid: *about or in regard to*

capable: *of*

capacity: *of, for, to*

capitalize: *at, on*

careless: *about, in, of*

catastrophe: *of*

cause: *of, for*

caution: *against*

center: *on*

chagrin: *at or because of or on account of*

characteristic: *of*

characterized: *by*

charge: *with*

chide: *for*

choose: *among, between*

circumstances: *in, under*

clear (v.): *from, of*

coalesce: *in or into, with*

coincident: *with*

collide: *with*

common: *to*

comparable: *to or with*

compare: *to, with*

compatible: *with*

compete: *for, with*

complacent: *toward*

complaint: *against, about*

complaisant: *toward*

complement: *of*

complementary: *to*

compliance: *with*

compliment: *on*

complimentary: *about or concerning*

comply: *with*

concentration: *of, on*

concerned: *about, in, to, with*

concur: *in, with*

conducive: *to*

confide: *in, to*

confident: *of*

conform: *to or with*

conformable: *to or with*

conformity: *to or with*

congenial: *to, with*

congratulate: *on or upon*

connect: *by, with*

connive: *at*

conscious: *of*

consent: *to*

consequent: *to, on, upon*

consist: *in, of*

consistent: *in, with*

consonant: *with or to*

contact: *among, between, of, with*

contemporaneous: *with*

contemporary: *with*

contemptuous: *of*

contend: *with, against, about*

contiguous: *to*

contingent: *on or upon*

contrast (v.): *with*

contrast (n.): *between, of, to*

convenient: *for, to*

conversant: *with*

convert (v.): *from, to*

convict (v.): *of*

convince: *of*

correlation: *between or of*

correlative: *with.*

correspond: *to, with me regularly*

culminate: *in*

cure: *of*

D

debar: *from*

decide: *on, upon*

defect (n.): *in, of*

defend: *from, against*

deficiency: *in, of*

defile (v.): *by, with*

definition: *of*

demanding: *of*

depend: *on, upon*

deprive: *of*

derive: *from*

derogate: *from*

derogation: *of, from, to*

desirous: *of*

desist: *from*

despair: *of*

destined: *to, for*

destructive: *of, to*

detract: *from*

deviate: *from*

devoid: *of*

devolve: *from, on, to, upon*

differ: *with, on, from*

different: *from*

differentiate: *among, between, from*

diminution: *of*

disappointed: *in, with*

disapprobation: *of*

disapprove: *of*

discourage: *from*

disdain: *for*

disengage: *from*

disgusted: *at, by, with*

dislike: *of*

dispense: *with, from*

displace: *by*

displeased: *at, with*

dispossess: *of, from*

disqualify: *from, for*

dissatisfied: *with*

dissension: *among, between, with*

dissent (v.): *from*

dissimilar: *to*

dissociate: *from*

dissuade: *from*

distaste: *for*

distill: *from*

distinguished: *by, for, from*

distrustful: *of*

divert: *from, to, by*

divest: *of*

divide: *by, into*

divorce: *from*

dominant: *over, in*

dominate: *over*

dote: *on*

drench: *with*

E

eager: *for, to*

educated: *about or concerning, for, in*

effect: *of*

eligible: *to, for*

emanate: *from*

embark: *on, upon*

embellish: *with*

emerge: *from*

emigrate: *from*

employ: *at, in*

empty (adj.): *of*

enamored: *of, with*

encouraged: *by, in*

encroach: *on, upon*

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endow: *with*
engage: *in, upon*
enjoin: *on or upon (in law: from)*
enraged: *against or with, at*
enter: *by, into, in*
entertained: *by, with*
enthralled: *by*
entrust: *to, with*
enveloped: *in*
envious: *of*
equal (adj.): *in, to*
equivalent: *in, to*
escape: *from, out of (or no preposition: "He escaped justice").*
essential: *in, of, to or for*
estimated: *at*
estrangle: *from*
estrangement: *of*
evidence: *of*
example: *of, from, to*
excerpt: *from*
exclusive: *of*
excuse: *for, from*
exonerate: *from*
expect: *from, of*
expel: *from*
experience: *for, in, of*
expert: *in or at, with*
expressive: *of*
extract: *from*
exude: *from*

F

faced: *by, with*
fail: *in, at, of*
familiar: *to, with*
fascinated: *by, with*
favorable: *for, to*
fear: *of, for*
flinch: *at, from*
fond: *of*
fondness: *for*
forbid: *to*
foreign: *to*
founded: *on, upon, in*
free: *from, of or in*
freedom; *from, of, to*
friend: *of, to*
frightened: *at, by*
frugal; *of*
fugitive: *from*

G

grapple: *with*
grateful: *for, to*
grieve: *at, for, after*
guard: *against, from*

H

habitual: *with*
hanker: *after*
healed: *of, by*
help (v.): *with, to (or no preposition)*
hinder: *from*
hindrance: *to*
hinge: *on*
hint: *at*
honor: *by, for, with*
hope: *for, of*

I

identical: *with*
identify: *by, to, with*
immanence: *of, in*
immerse: *in*
immigrate: *to*
impatient: *at, with*
impeach: *for (or no preposition)*
impervious: *to*
implicit: *in*
impose: *on or upon*
impress (n.): *of, upon*
impress (v.): *into, upon, with*
impressed: *by, with*
improve: *by, in, upon*
improvement: *in, of, upon*
inaccessible: *to*
incentive: *to, for*
incidental: *to*
incongruous: *with*
inconsistent: *with*
incorporate: *in or into or with*
independent: *of*
index: *of*
Indulge: *in, with*
indulgent: *to, of*
infer: *from*
inferior: *to*
infiltrate: *into*
Infiltration: *of, by*
influence (v.): *by, for*
influence (n.): *of, over, upon*
influence *upon others*

infuse: *with*
inimical: *to or toward*
initiate: *into*
innate: *in*
inquire: *into, of*
inquiry: *about or concerning, of*
inroad: *into*
inseparable: *from*
insight: *into*
inspire: *by, with*
instigate: *to*
instill: *in or into*
instruct: *in*
intent: *on or upon*
intention: *of, to*
intercede: *for, with*
interest: *in*
interfere: *in, with*
intermediary: *between, in*
intervene: *in, between*
intimacy: *of, with*
introduce: *to, into*
intrude: *on, upon, into*
inundate: *with*
invest: *in, with*
investigation: *of*
involve: *in*
isolate: *from*

J

jealous: *of, for*
jeer: *at*
join: *to, with*
justified: *in*

L

label: *with*
labor: *at, for, in, under, with*
lacking: *in*
laden: *with*
lag: *behind*
lament: *for or over*
laugh: *at or over*
lend: *to*
level: *at, to, with*
liable: *for, to*
liken: *to*
live: *at, by, in, on*

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M

make: *of, from*
marred: *by*
martyr (v.): *for*
martyr (n.): *to*
mastery: *of, over*
means: *of, to, for*
meddle: *in, with*
mediate: *between, among*
meditate: *on, upon*
militate: *against*
minister: *to*
mistrustful: *of*
mix: *with, into*
mock: *at, with*
monopoly: *of*
mortified: *at*
mortify: *by or with*
motive: *for*
muse: *on or upon*

N

necessary: *for, to*
necessity: *for, of, to*
need: *for, of*
neglectful: *of*
negligent: *of, in*

O

obedient: *to*
object (v.): *to*
oblivious: *of*
observant: *of*
obtrude: *on or upon*
occasion: *for, of*
occupied: *by, with*
offend: *against*
offended: *at, with*
opportunity: *of, to, for*
opposite: *of (or no preposition)*
opposition: *to*
originate: *from, in, with*
overlaid: *by or with*
overwhelm: *by, with*

P

parallel: *to or with*
part: *from, with*
partake: *of*
partial: *to*
participate: *in*

patient: *in, with*
peculiar: *to*
permeate: *into, through*
permeated: *by*
permit: *to*
persevere: *against, in*
persist: *against, in*
persuade: *to*
persuaded: *by, of, to*
pertinent: *to*
piqued: *at, by*
place (v.): *in*
plan (v.): *to*
pleased: *at or by, with*
plunge: *in, into*
possessed: *by or with, of*
possibility: *of*
practice: *of, in*
precedence: *of*
precedent (n.): *of or for*
precedent (adj.): *to*
precluded: *from*
predestined: *to*
preface: *of or to*
prefer: *to*
pregnant: *with, by*
prejudice (v.): *against, by*
prejudice (n.): *against, for, in favor of*
prejudicial: *to*
preoccupied: *with*
preparatory: *to*
prerequisite (n.): *of*
prerequisite (adj.): *to*
pre.cient: *of*
present (v.): *to, with*
present (adj.): *to*
preside: *at, over*
presume: *on, upon*
prevail: *against, on or upon, over, with*
prevent: *from*
preventive: *of*
preview: *of*
prior: *to*
privilege: *of*
prodigal: *of*
productive: *of*
proficient: *in, at*
profit: *by, from*

prohibit: *by, from*
prone: *to*
property: *of*
propitious: *to*
protest: *against*
provide: *with, against, for*
punish: *with, by, for*
punishable: *by*
purchase: *of*
purge: *of, from*
pursuit: *of*
put: *in or into, on, to*

Q

qualify: *for, as, to*

R

ranging: *between, from ... to, within*
reason (v.): *about or on, with*
reason (n.): *for*
rebellious: *against or to*
receptive: *to*
recognition: *of*
reconcile: *to, with*
redolent: *of*
regard: *for, to*
regardless: *of*
regret (v.): *(no preposition)*
regret (n.): *for, over or about or concerning*
relation: *of, to, with*
removal: *from, of, to*
renege: *on*
repent: *of*
replete: *with*
reprisal: *for, against or upon*
repugnance: *between, against or for or of, to*
repugnant: *to*
request (v.): *to*
request (n.): *of, for, to*
requirement: *for, of*
requite: *with*
resemblance: *among, between, of, to*
resentment: *against, at or for*
respect: *With respect to*
responsibility: *for*
restrain: *from*
revel: *in*
revenge: *for, upon*

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reward: *by, for, with*

rich: *in*

rid: *of*

rob: *of*

role: *of*

S

sanction: *of, for*

satiating: *with*

satisfaction: *of, in, with*

saturate: *with*

scared: *at, by*

search (v.): *for*

search (n.): *for, of*

seclusion: *from*

secure (adj.): *in, of*

secure (v.): *by*

sensible: *about, of*

sensitive: *to*

separate: *from*

serve: *for, on, with*

significant: *of*

similar: *to*

similarity: *to, of*

skillful: *at or in, with*

slave: *of, to*

solicitous: *of, for, about*

solution: *of, to*

sought: *for or after*

sparing: *of*

spy: *upon*

stock: *in, of*

strive: *for, to, with, against*

struck: *by*

subject: *to, of*

subscribe: *for, to*

substitute (n. and v.): *for*

suffer: *with, from*

suitable: *for, to*

superior: *to*

supplant: *by*

supplement: *by or with*

surprised: *at, by*

surround: *by*

suspect: *of*

sympathetic: *with, to, toward*

sympathize: *in, with*

sympathy: *for, with, in*

synchronous: *to*

T

tally: *up, with*

tamper: *with*

tantamount: *to*

taste: *for, in, of*

taunt: *with*

temporize: *with*

tendency: *to, toward*

theorize: *about*

thoughtful: *of*

thrill (v.): *at or to, with*

thrilled: *by*

thronged: *with*

tinker: *at or with*

tired: *of, from, with*

tolerance: *for, of, toward*

tormented: *by or with*

transmute: *into or to*

treat: *for, of, to, with*

true: *to, with*

trust: *in, to, with*

U

umbrage: *at, to*

unconscious: *of*

unequal: *in, to*

unfavorable: *for, to or toward*

unite: *by or in, with*

unmindful: *of*

unpalatable: *to*

unpopular: *with*

use: *in or of*

useful: *in, to*

V

variance: *with*

vary: *from, with*

vest (v.): *in, with*

vexed: *at, with*

vie: *with*

view: *of; in view of; with a view to*

void: *of*

vulnerable: *to*

W

wait: *for, on*

want (n.): *of*

wanting: *in*

wary: *of*

way: *of*

weary: *of*

willing: *to*

worthy: *of, to*

write: *on, off, out*

Y

yearn: *after, for, over, toward, with*

yield: *of, to*

Z

zeal: *for, in*