

More Prepositions

as: in the role of EX: She is trained as a teacher, but she works as a secretary. We have selected you as president of our club.

around: approximately EX: We have around twenty dollars in our account.

around: in many directions EX: The teacher looked around for her glasses but couldn't find them.

around: doing nothing EX: Those teenagers just hang around the mall with nothing to do. We were just goofing around. She just lies around all day.

around: movement in a circular direction EX: She drove around the block until it was time for her appointment. The earth moves around the sun.

around: enclosing EX: The cowboy threw a rope around the cow's neck.

around: on another side of EX: Their farm is just around the bend.

among: with each other EX: The children quarreled among themselves.

among: surrounded by EX: They camped in the woods surrounded by the trees.

among: to the individuals in a group EX: They distributed the flyers among the students. There were three children among the survivors. Western dancing is popular among college students.

along: together EX: Sing along with me.

along: following the boundary of something EX: We walked along the water's edge.

Expressions:

- 1.If you get ahead, you succeed. She struggled all her life to get ahead.
- 2.If you go ahead, you begin now. I asked for permission, and they told me to go ahead.
- 3.All along means the for a long time. They have been enemies all along.
- 4.If you get along, you live together in harmony. She gets along well with her roommate.
- 5.If you turn around, you face in the opposite direction. Turn around, you are going the wrong way.
- 6.If you get around to something, you finally make the effort to do something. I finally got around to cleaning out the closets.
- 7.If you show someone around, you take someone on a tour. He showed me around the campus.
- 8.If you run around with someone, you go out with someone. She is running around with a new group of friends.

Use ahead of, along, among, around, as to fill in the blanks.

- 1.Her husband volunteers _____ a soccer coach.
- 2.Her partner whirled her _____ the dance floor.
- 3.Her son was _____ the finalists in the race.
- 4.Let's jog _____ the park.
- 5.My mom always sings _____ with the radio in the car.
- 6.She tries to get _____ with her sister.
- 7.I wrapped the package. Now you put a ribbon _____ it.

- 8.The political parties are fighting _____ themselves.
- 9.The boy cut in line and is now _____ of us.
- 10.They chose me _____ the neighborhood representative.
- 11.We've been driving _____ looking for a place to park.
12. I ran fast, but I couldn't get _____ of him.

Discuss in your small group:

- 1.If you woke up in bed and saw a huge spider walking over you, what would you do?
- 2.What's the scariest "woke up suddenly in the middle of the night" story you have experienced?
- 3.Do you ever have recurring nightmares? What happens in it?
- 4.If you could sit down with anyone in the world for a nice conversation, who would you invite?
- 5.What period of history would you most want to live in?
- 6.If you could have one supernatural power, what would you choose?
- 7.If you were an animal, which one would you like to be?
- 8.If you were given a free ride on a space shuttle to the moon, would you take it?
- 9.Do you believe there are other planets in the universe with intelligent life?
- 10.Have you ever promised yourself something? Explain
- 11.What is the difference between a negative person and a positive person. Which are you?
- 12.If your spouse or roommate does something that really bugs you, is it better to ignore it or confront them about it?