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ABOARD

Meaning: On or into a ship, aircraft, train, or other vehicle.

Example: I like to read aboard a plane.

Example: She invited 150 people aboard the luxury yacht.

ABOUT

Meaning 1: On the subject of.

Example: I'm reading comics about Superman.

Example: What's she so angry about?

Meaning 2: In many directions in a place.

Example: He wandered about the town for an hour or so.

Example: We looked about the museum for a bit before going on a tour.

Meaning 3: In various parts of a place.

Example: Clothes were lying about the room.

Example: He plays computer games all the time and all the trash is thrown about the room.
ABOVE

**Meaning 1:** At a higher place or position.

*Example:* Our plane was flying above the clouds and mountains.

*Example:* The water came above our knees.

**Meaning 2:** Of greater importance or of higher quality.

*Example:* She values her job above her family.

*Example:* I rate him above most other players of his age.

ACCORDING TO

**Meaning:** Following, agreeing with or depending on something.

*Example:* We construct a building and everything goes according to plan.

*Example:* We should play the game according to the rules.

ACROSS

**Meaning:** From one side to the other.

*Example:* There is a bridge across the river.

*Example:* He walked across the field.
**AFTER**

*Meaning 1:* Later than.

*Example:* I went for a swim after breakfast.

*Example:* Next day doctor came to check me after the operation.

*Meaning 2:* Following.

*Example:* The boy is running after the ball.

*Example:* Your name comes after mine in the list.

**AGAINST**

*Meaning 1:* In opposition to.

*Example:* Did you vote for or against the candidate?

*Example:* We’re playing against the league champions next week.

*Meaning 2:* In contact with.

*Example:* He put his bicycle against the wall.

*Example:* He leaned his head against the back of his chair.
AHEAD OF

Meaning 1: In front of.

Example: We went to school and Tommy was ahead of us.

Example: He could see that the road ahead of him was clear.

Meaning 2: Earlier than.

Example: I finished the project several days ahead of the deadline.

Example: The election was held six months ahead of schedule.

Meaning 3: Making more progress than someone else.

Example: Sophie is well ahead of the other children in her class.

Example: The Russians were now ahead of them in space research.

ALONG

Meaning 1: From one end to the other.

Example: There are trees along the road.

Example: I looked along the shelves for the book I needed.

Meaning 2: At a particular point on something long.

Example: My office is the second door along the hallway.

Example: Somewhere along this road there's a garage.
ALONG WITH

*Meaning:* Mentioning additional people or things.

*Example:* John was arrested along with his wife.

*Example:* He is learning English along with Hindi.

ALONGSIDE

*Meaning:* Close to the side of; next to.

*Example:* The railway runs alongside the road.

*Example:* The children worked alongside their parents in the field.

AMID (OR AMIDST)

*Meaning:* Surrounded by; in the middle of.

*Example:* We camped that day amid a fir forest.

*Example:* He finished his speech amidst tremendous applause.

AMONG (OR AMONGST)

*Meaning:* Surrounded by.

*Example:* She felt lonely among all these strange people.

*Example:* I found the letter amongst his papers.
**ANTI**

*Meaning:* Opposed to; against.

*Example:* She seems to be anti my idea.

*Example:* We’re very anti smoking in this office.

**APART FROM**

*Meaning:* Except for.

*Example:* Apart from a few scratches, the car was as good as new.

*Example:* I’ve finished apart from the last question.

**AROUND**

*Meaning 1:* In a circle.

*Example:* They all sat around the campfire.

*Example:* He walked around the lake.

*Meaning 2:* Near, approximately.

*Example:* Chicken costs around 9 dollars.

*Example:* There must be around 500 people there.
AS

Meaning: Used to describe the fact that somebody/something has a particular job or function.

Example: She works as a waitress.

Example: You can use that glass as a vase.

AS WELL AS

Meaning: In addition to.

Example: He invited Jack as well as Kate and Peter.

Example: When they go to Austria, they like walking as well as skiing.

ASIDE FROM

Meaning: Except for; besides.

Example: Aside from a mild fever, the boy feels fine.

Example: She has money aside from her possessions.

ASTRIDE

Meaning: With a leg on each side of.

Example: She was sitting astride a horse.

Example: He sat proudly astride his new motorbike.
AT

**Meaning 1:** Place.

*Example:* I met her at the hospital.
*Example:* They're passing through the security check at the airport.

**Meaning 2:** Time.

*Example:* We left at 2 o'clock.
*Example:* I'm busy at the moment - can you call back later?

**Meaning 3:** Direction.

*Example:* What are you looking at?
*Example:* He pointed a gun at her.

**Meaning 4:** Cause.

*Example:* They were impatient at the delay.
*Example:* We were quite excited at the volcano experiment.

**Meaning 5:** Activity.

*Example:* I'm good at swimming.
*Example:* She's hopeless at organizing things.

ATOP

**Meaning:** On the top of.

*Example:* The house is situated atop a hill.
*Example:* Place a scoop of ice cream atop a slice of apple pie.
AWAY FROM

Meaning: Distance.

Example: She had been away from her family for a long time.

Example: I am away from the office until next Tuesday.