

Prepositions

ἀνά	acc	up, among, between, again
ἀντί	gen	opposite, instead of, against
ἀπό	abl	from, away from
εἰς	acc	into, to, in, unto
ἐκ	abl	out of, from (before a vowel ἐξ)
πρό	abl	before
σύν	inst	with, together with
διά	gen	through
	acc	because of, on account of
ἐν	loc	in, at, on
	inst	by means of, by, with

κατά	gen	down, upon, against
	acc	along, according to
μετά	gen	with
	acc	after
περί	gen	about, concerning
	acc	around, about
ὑπέρ	gen	in behalf of, for the sake of, instead of
	acc	over, above, beyond

ὑπό	abl	by (agency)
	acc	under
ἐπί	gen	on, upon, over, at, by (contact or position implied)
	loc	on, in, above, upon, at, over (position implied)
	acc	over, across, upon, on, upto (motion implied)
παρά	abl	from (motion implied) (used in reception)
	loc	with, beside, before, by the side of (position implied)
	acc	beside, beyond, along
πρός	gen	for, for the sake of
	loc	at, on, near (position implied)
	acc	toward, with, at, to

1. These are true prepositions.

There are other particles that partake of the nature of prepositions with an adverbial ideas added. Those are not true prepositions. They will be dealt in the study of adverbs.

2. To help substantives express their case function.

Preposition is normally positioned immediately before the substantive with which it is associated.

3. Do not govern cases or “take objects.”

They help substantives express their relation to verbs or to other parts of speech.

They mark the direction and position of the action expressed by the verbs.

e.g. φέρει δῶρα τοῦ οἴκου. ↔ φέρει δῶρα ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου.

4. The English equivalent of these prepositions are only representative or suggestive.

There can be many other possible English translations. Therefore one should observe:

- a. the basic meaning
- b. the case construction with which it is used
- c. the particular use in any given context

5. Compound Forms

e.g. βλέπω διαβλέπω means “I see through” hence “I see clearly”

1. Combined meaning
βαινω καταβαινω “I go down”
2. Intensified meaning
εσθιω καταεσθιω “I devour”
3. Unaffected meaning
καλυπτω κατακαλυπτω “I cover”

6. Repetition of the Preposition

ἐκβάλλει ἐκ τοῦ θησαυροῦ αὐτοῦ Mt. 13:52

He brings out of his treasure.

7. Elision

Prepositions ending in a vowel drop the vowel when the next word begins with a vowel.

e.g. ἀπ' ἀδελφοῦ
δι' ἡμερῶν

Prepositions	Before a smooth breathing	Before a rough breathing
ἀντί	ἀντί	ἀνθ'
ἀπό	ἀπ'	ἀφ'
διά	δι'	δι'
ἐπί	ἐπ'	ἐφ'
κατά	κατ'	καθ'

μετά	μετ'	μεθ'
παρά	παρ'	παρ'
υπό	υπ'	υφ'