

GRAMMAR FOR TOEIC

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Note: Complete with *A Concise English Grammar* by same author.

1. PREPOSITIONS

- Location in space, in time
- Psychological aspect

ABOUT: *autour / à propos*

ABOVE: *au-dessus*

ACROSS: *à travers / par*

AFTER: *après*

AGAINST: *contre*

AMONG: *parmi*

AROUND: *autour*

ASIDE: *de côté*

AT: *à*

BEHIND: *derrière*

BESIDE: *à côté*

BETWEEN: *entre*

BY: *par / près*

DOWN: *en bas*

FOR: *pour*

FROM: *de / à partir de*

IN: *dans*

IN FRONT OF: *devant / en face*

INTO: *dedans*

NEAR: *près*

OF: *de*

OFF: *arrêt*

ON: *sur / en marche*

ONTO: *sur*

OVER: *par-dessus*
OUT: *dehors / au-dehors*
OUT OF: *hors de*
THROUGH: *à travers*
TILL / UNTIL / UP TO: *jusqu'à*
TO: *à, jusqu'à*
TOWARD: *vers*
UNDER: *sous*
UP: *en-haut*
WITH: *avec*

2. PHRASAL VERBS

- To get a full meaning, determine the meaning of each verb + the meaning of each postposition.

ABOUT

agree about something
be disappointed about someone or something
feel about someone or something
talk about someone or something

AFTER

look after someone

AGAINST

bear a grudge against someone or something
take caution against someone or something

AMONG

divide among more than 2 people

AT

arrive at something
be angry at someone or something
be disappointed at someone or something
be good at something
be surprised at someone or something
draw the line at something

laugh at someone or something

look at someone or something

stare at someone or something

take a look at someone or something

take offence at something

BETWEEN

choose between someone or something

divide between 2 people

draw a distinction between someone or something

BY

be disappointed by someone or something

be surprised by someone or something

be surrounded by someone or something

begin by doing something

stand by someone or something [$\neq$ **standby**]

FOR

account for something

be eligible for something

be essential for something

be necessary for someone or something

be perfect for someone or something

be responsible for someone or something

be suitable for someone or something

care for someone or something

congratulate for doing something

have a cure for something

have an idea for someone or something

look for someone or something

make a demand for something

make amends for something

make way for someone

pay for someone or something

prepare for someone or something

search for someone or something

substitute for someone or something

take credit for something

wait for someone or something

FROM

be different from someone or something
be free from someone or something
be independent from someone or something
be safe from someone or something
benefit from something
differ from someone or something
escape from somewhere or someone or something
prohibit from something
recover from something
refrain from something
withdraw from something

IN

arrive in somewhere or something
be a development in something
be interested in someone or something
believe in someone or something
consist in something
engage in something
have difficulty in (doing) something
have interest in something
have participation in something
improve in something
increase in something
invest in something
make an experience / an experiment in something
make an improvement in something
participate in something
result in something
succeed in something
take an interest in someone or something
take part in something
take pride in someone or something

INTO

divide into something
grow into something
translate something into something

OF

approve of someone or something
be a development of something
be afraid of someone or something
be aware of someone or something
be capable of something
be free of something
be made of something
be native of somewhere
be part of something
bear the cost of something
catch sight of someone or something
consist of something
disapprove of someone or something
get rid of someone or something
get the better of someone
have an effect of something
keep track of someone or something
let go of (≠ **hold on to**) someone or something
make fun of someone or something
make the most of something
take account of something
take advantage of someone or something
take care of someone or something
take charge of someone or something
take hold of someone or something

OFF

drop off
put off
rip off someone or something
take off / take off something

ON

agree on something
be based on something
be dependent on someone or something
cling on to someone or something
concentrate on someone or something
congratulate on something
decide on something

depend on someone or something
have an effect on someone or something
have an impact on someone or something
insist on something
plan on something
play a joke on someone
play a trick on someone
rely on someone
take pity on someone
take revenge on someone
wait on someone

OVER

keep watch over something
take over something [≠ **overtake**]

OUT

carry out something
drop out something
look out!
look out someone or something

TO

agree to something
apologize to someone
be a solution to someone or something
be accustomed to someone or something
be an exception to someone or something
be attached to someone or something
be close to someone or something
be equal / inferior / superior to someone or something
be essential to someone
be identical / similar to someone or something
be married to someone
be native to somewhere
be next to someone or something
be opposed to someone or something
be polite to someone
be preferable to someone or something
be related to someone or something
be responsible to someone

contribute to something
give birth to someone
give rise to something
give way to someone
have an approach to something
listen to someone or something
make a contribution to something
make amends to someone
move to somewhere
pay attention to someone or something
put an end to something
set fire to something
speak to someone
subscribe to something
take exception to something
talk to someone

UP

break up
eat up
get up
put up
stand up
take up
wake up

WITH

agree with someone or something
associate with someone
be acquainted with someone
be angry with someone
be disappointed with someone or something
be familiar with someone or something
be pleased with someone or something
be satisfied with someone or something
be wrong with someone or something
begin with something
chat with someone
compete with someone
consult with someone
cooperate with someone

deal with someone or something
disagree with someone or something
find fault with someone or something
furnish with something
have a problem with someone or something
have an appointment with someone
have an experience with someone or something
have difficulty with someone or something
have satisfaction with someone or something
interfere with someone or something
keep company with someone .
keep in touch with someone
lose touch with someone
make do with someone or something
make friends with someone
manage with someone or something
replace with someone or something
speak with someone
supply with something
talk with someone

3. FIGURES / NUMBERS

- No “s” if real numbers
Three thousand people ≠ Thousands of people
- No “s” if a dash (-) / ‘s (Possessive case) for time
A three-week leave / a leave of three weeks / a three weeks’ leave

4. ORDER IN THE SENTENCE

4-3 people (3-4 personnes)
The first three months / the last two years
The second such case
So burning a set of issues
Can you see the trees, the few of which grow by the lake?
How hard things get! / No matter how hard things get.

5. ONE > Plural: them / themselves / their

Who's forgotten their umbrella?

Everyone managed by themselves.

6. PAIRS

- **ALTHOUGH** (at the beginning of a sentence) / **THOUGH** (in the course of a sentence)
- **DESPITE / IN SPITE OF**
- **MUCH** + Sg / **MANY** + Pl
- **LITTLE** + Sg / **FEW** + Pl
- **EITHER...OR** (*soit...soit*) / **NEITHER...NOR** (*ni...ni*)

7. TRIOS

- **SOME** (*quelques, en partie*) / **ANY** (*tout ou rien*) / **NO** = **NOT ANY** (*rien*)
- **FOR** = *depuis / pendant / durant* (period of time) / **SINCE** = *depuis* (precise time or event); *puisque* / **DURING** = *durant / pendant* (used with a noun to express "when")

He's (has) played [present perfect] tennis **for** 5 years.

Since he came home, he's (has) been reading [present perfect + Be + V-ING].

During the holidays, he'll (will) go to Spain.

- **WHO** (grammatical subject) / **WHOM** (grammatical object) / **WHOSE** (belonging = *appartenance*)

The boy who stands at the corner of the street works here.

The girl whom (that / Ø) I met, has just phoned.

The tourists whose cars are parked here have to move them away.

- **ALLOW someone** (*autoriser, permettre à quelqu'un*) / **PERMIT / ENABLE** (*rendre capable, permettre*) ≠ [unable=incapable]

8. SET or SERIES

SET

Much
Little
Whole
One (entity)
People (are)
Staff
Government (is / are)
Advice (is)
Information
Software
News
The police (are)

SERIES

Many
Few
All
One (a number)
Person
Staff members
Members of the government
A piece of advice
A piece of information
A software program
A piece of news

9. VERBS:

- Look for immediate verb(s) in the sentence to decide on:
- A. Chronology: [past]. / present / future / conditional
 - B. Comments on time: [present perfect[... / [past perfect[... / past conditional
 - C. Simple or BE+V-ING (more complex: explain, justify, say more...

- **WHEN / (AS) SOON (AS): No future (but present) / No conditional (but past)** after when / (as) soon (as)

I'll (will) tell you when I come.

I'd (would) tell when I came.

- **WORK** (general, neutral) / **TO WORK** (decision, movement, action) / **WORKING** (= gerund: the fact of, can be replaced by a noun)

Why work when we can play?

They want to work more regularly.

Working can be hard at times.

- **'D (had) RATHER / 'D (had) BETTER**

I'd (had) rather play than work but I'd (had) better work than play = *J'aimerais mieux jouer plutôt que de travailler, mais je ferais mieux de travailler plutôt que de jouer.*

I'd better not play = *Je ferais mieux de ne pas jouer*

- **WISH > Subjunctive under the form of BE or Modal Past**

I wish you told him

I wish he be there

- **SUBJUNCTIVE (= wish)**

Let it be! *Ainsi soit-il !*

God bless you! *A vos souhaits !*

If I were rich! *Si j'étais riche !*

Had he come! *Ah, s'il était venu !*