



with preposition

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- 1 a** : in opposition to : **AGAINST**
had a fight *with* his brother
- b** : so as to be separated or detached from
broke *with* her family



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b → used as a function word to indicate the object of attention, behavior, or feeling
 get tough *with* him
 angry *with* her

c : in respect to : so far as concerns
 on friendly terms *with* all nations

d → used to indicate the object of an adverbial expression of imperative force
 off *with* his head

e : **OVER, ON**
 no longer has any influence *with* them

f : in the performance, operation, or use of
 the trouble *with* this machine

3 a → used as a function word to indicate the object of a statement of comparison or equality
 a dress identical *with* her hostess's

b → used as a function word to express agreement or sympathy
 must conclude, *with* you, that the painting is a forgery

c : on the side of : **FOR**
 if he's for lower taxes, I'm *with* him

d : as well as
 can pitch *with* the best of them

4 a → used as a function word to indicate combination, accompaniment, presence, or addition
 heat milk *with* honey
 went there *with* her
 his money, *with* his wife's, comes to a million



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b : in or according to the experience or practice of
with many of us, our ideas seem to fall by the wayside
— W. J. Reilly

- 6 a** → used as a function word to indicate the means, cause, agent, or instrumentality
hit him *with* a rock
pale *with* anger
threatened *with* tuberculosis
he amused the crowd *with* his antics

b archaic : by the direct act of

- 7 a** → used as a function word to indicate manner of action
ran *with* effort
acknowledge your contribution *with* thanks

b → used as a function word to indicate an attendant fact or circumstance
stood there *with* his hat on

c → used as a function word to indicate a result attendant on a specified action
got off *with* a light sentence

- 8 a (1)** : in possession of : **HAVING**
came *with* good news

(2) : in the possession or care of
left the money *with* her mother

b : characterized or distinguished by
a person *with* a sharp nose

- 9 a** → used as a function word to indicate a close association in time
with the outbreak of war they went home

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10 a : in spite of
 a really tip-top man, *with* all his wrongheadedness
 — H. J. Laski

b : except for
 finds that, *with* one group of omissions and one important addition, they reflect that curriculum
 — Gilbert Highet

11 : in the direction of
with the wind
with the grain

Can you end a sentence with *with*?

You may end a sentence with "with," provided you are willing to listen to people tell you that you should not have ended it with a preposition. There is nothing inherently wrong about ending a sentence with a preposition, and never has been.

Is *with* a preposition?

Yes, *with* is a preposition ("a function word that typically combines with a noun phrase to form a phrase which usually expresses a modification or predication"). Although *with* previously functioned as an adverb and a conjunction, it has not done so for many centuries, and these uses are now quite obsolete.

Can you begin a sentence with *with*?

One occasionally hears that sentences should not begin with *with*. There have been many attempts to categorize many words in English as improper to place at the



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He wants to marry someone **with** a lot of money.

You will be competing against people **with** more experience than you.

They graduated from college **with** honors.

Recent Examples on the Web

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Not affiliated **with** any State Lottery.

— Fernando Cervantes Jr, *USA Today*, 13 Sep. 2025

Crucially, the McG cycle links **with** the Calvin cycle, allowing the two systems to balance out excess molecules.

— Aamir Khollam, *Interesting Engineering*, 13 Sep. 2025

Titled Forever Our Girlfriend, the celebration takes place at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Los Angeles, where Akil will sit down for a candid conversation **with**



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— Malaika Crawford, *Vogue*, 13 Sep. 2025

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Etymology

Middle English, against, from, with, from Old English; akin to Old English *wither* against, Old High German *widar* against, back, Sanskrit *vi* apart

First Known Use

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *with* was before the 12th century

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herewith

outwith

forthwith

locksmith

therewith

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witgat

with

with a bang

See All Nearby Words

Can you end a sentence with a...
Yes, you can end a sentence with a preposition



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fought *with* his sister

b : **FROM sense 2**

parting *with* friends

2 : in shared relation to

talking *with* a friend

trade *with* other countries

3 : in regard to : **TOWARD**

angry *with* her

on friendly terms *with* all nations



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voted *with* the majority**c** : as well asI can debate *with* the best of them**5 a** : in the judgment or opinion of
it's all right *with* me**b** : in the experience or practice of
with them a promise is a real duty**6 a** : by means of
write *with* a pen**b** : because of
danced *with* joy**7** : having or showing as a manner of action or an accompanying fact
spoke *with* vigor
stood there *with* my hat on**8 a** : in possession of : **HAVING**
animals *with* horns
b : marked by
a person *with* a hot temper



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tea *with* lemon**10 a** : at the same time asrose *with* the sun**b** : in proportion tothe pressure varies *with* the depth**11** : in the possession or care ofleft the money *with* your mother**12** : in spite of*with* all her cleverness, she failed**13** : in the direction ofcut *with* the grain of the fabricEnglish: [Translation of *with* for Spanish Speakers](#)

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