

## Lecture 05

### Prepositions : In, On, At

#### Definition :

A Preposition is a word which shows relationship among other words in the sentence. The relationships include direction, place time, cause, manner and amount. A preposition comes before a noun or pronoun. A preposition phrase contains a preposition and object. Prepositional phrases are like idioms and are best learned through listening to and reading as much as possible, Little Red Book of Prepositions is a ready reference book with a check list of propositions.

The prepositions *at*, *in* and *on* are often used in English to talk about **places** (positions) and **times**. Sometimes the choice of one over another in a particular phrase or sentence seems arbitrary. However, if we analyse patterns of occurrence we can identify key concepts in meaning and usage which consistently apply and can be used as a platform for learning.