PREPOSITIONS GRAMAR RULES

There is one very simple rule about prepositions. And, unlike most rules, this rule has no exceptions.

**Rule**  
A preposition is followed by a "noun". It is never followed by a verb.

By "noun" we include:

* **noun** (dog, money, love)
* **proper noun (name)** (Bangkok, Mary)
* **pronoun** (you, him, us)
* **noun group** (my first job)
* **gerund** (swimming)

A preposition cannot be followed by a verb. If we want to follow a preposition by a verb, we must use the "-ing" form which is really a gerund or verb in noun form.

Examples

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| **Subject + verb** | **preposition** | **"noun"** |
| The restaurant is | on | Main street |
| The car wash is | next to | the hospital |
| The school is | across from | the bank |
| My house is | near | the mall. |
| The church is | behind | the pólice station |
| The movir is | between | the bank and the police |