

# Prepositions

or

# Adverbs

# an introduction

so you'll clearly see the difference

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# Basic Guideline To Follow

a preposition has an  
object; an adverb  
does not

preposition  
because it has an  
object, house

The broken shutter was outside the house.

The man saw the broken shutter outside.

adverb  
because it has no object; just tells where

preposition  
because it has an  
object, class



He appeared before the class.

He had not heard that before.



adverb  
because it has no object; just tells when/time

preposition  
because it has an  
object, store

The man drove past the food store.

The car drove past quickly.

adverb  
because it has no object; just tells where

preposition  
because it has an  
object, restaurant

He sat inside the restaurant.

Please go inside now.

adverb  
because it has no object; just tells where

preposition  
because it has an  
object, client

The beautician stood behind her client.

Ann waited behind.

adverb  
because it has no object; just tells where

preposition  
because it has an  
object, playground

The children waited nearby the playground.

I like that the stores are nearby.

adverb  
because it has no object; just tells where