

Lecture for “With”

Don't forget that prepositional phrases are very important to practice because they correct nouns, pronouns, or phrases. Without them our conversations would very much be simplistic almost to the point of cavemen. Can you imagine always speaking in two-word sentences? It would be silly to speak that way. I know that it seems embarrassing to practice, but I am sure that people around you are very curious to know what you are learning, so don't be afraid to talk with them about it. Also, prepositional phrases help us when we are speaking to express ourselves and our personalities. So, make sure that you practice your prepositional phrases as often as you are able to.

Today we are going to discuss the word “with.” As a word, “with” can only be used as a preposition or part of a prepositional phrase. Let's look at a sentence that “with” is used this way:

- The word “with” can be used as a preposition or as part of a prepositional phrase. An example of this would be:
 - She is studying English with her classmate.
 - In this example, the word “with” is describing who she is studying with.

Prepositional Phrases include Nouns and link the noun to a pronoun or verb. Let's go over some examples of how the word “with” can be used in Prepositional Phrases.

- “With” can be used to describe when people do something together.
 - EXAMPLE: Harry lives with his parents.
- “With” can be used to describe when something is shared.
 - EXAMPLE: She shares her food with her neighbors.
- “With” can be used to describe having or holding something.
 - EXAMPLE: Do you remember the girl with red hair?
- “With” can be used to describe what is being used or held.
 - EXAMPLE: You need to stir that with a spoon instead of a fork.
- “With” can be used to describe a person or thing you have a feeling towards.
 - EXAMPLE: Why are you angry with me?
- “With” can be used to describe what causes a particular reaction or state.
 - EXAMPLE: She was trembling with rage.
- “With” can be used to describe what you are competing, fighting or arguing against.
 - EXAMPLE: Don't argue with me.
- “With” can be used to describe a particular way
 - EXAMPLE: He spoke with confidence.
- “With” can be used to describe something or someone you support.
 - EXAMPLE: I am going along with whatever you think is best.
- “With” can be used to describe a situation that exists.
 - EXAMPLE: With all of this uncertainty of the pandemic, it is difficult to make plans.
- “With” can be used to describe something that fills or covers something else.
 - EXAMPLE: The hills were covered with snow.
- “With” can be used to describe moving in a direction.
 - EXAMPLE: The boat was drifting with the current.
- “With” can be used to describe happening, developing, or changing because of something
 - EXAMPLE: Our English will improve with more practice.

- “With” can be used to describe a particular action or problem and how it is related.
 - EXAMPLE: The trouble with the car was only a fuse.
- “With” can be used to describe what kind of illness, injury, or problem is affecting you.
 - EXAMPLE: A number of people were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.
- “With” can be used to describe how people behave toward one another
 - EXAMPLE: I get along with the manager’s secretary very well.

There are many different examples of the way “with” can be used in Prepositional Phrases. So, what follows are just a few common examples. Let’s watch a quick video and see if we can count the number of times the word “with” is used, either with itself or as part of a Prepositional Phrase.

- Watch Video

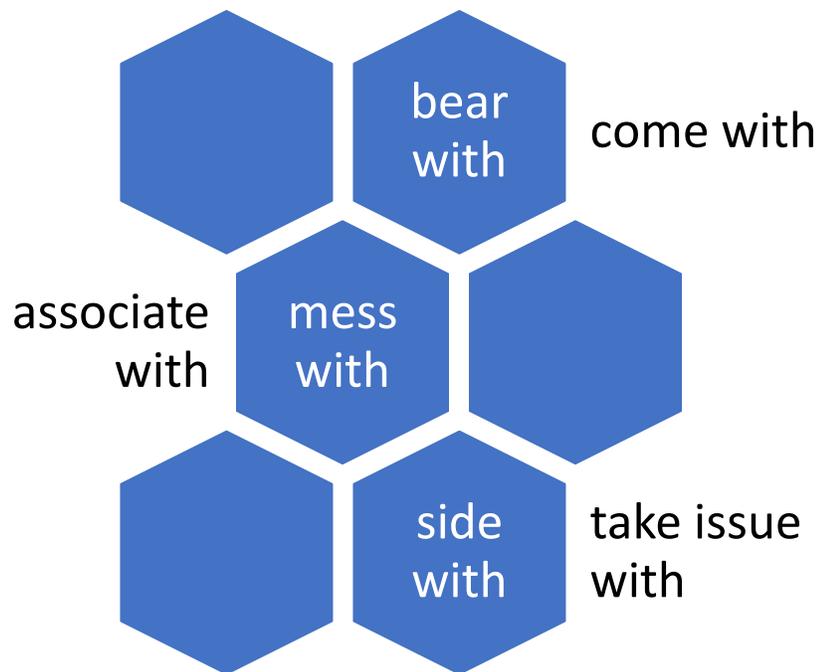
Okay, how many times was the word “with” used in this video? (The answer is 20 times.)

Let’s look at some of the ways the word “with” was used and what it meant.

- Thanks for agreeing to help with brainstorming ideas.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this example “with” is used to describe how he is helping.
- Quit with the self-deprecation.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to tell her to stop something.
- He was charged with ten years in prison.
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe how he was charged.
- The rest of his crew got off with light sentences.
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe his crew having lesser punishment.
- I like where you’re going with this.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this example “with” is used to describe how an idea is forming.
- I’m hoping you can help me come up with a loose plot.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe how an idea is forming.
- They won’t get away with betraying him like that.
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe not being able to deny betrayal.
- I did play around with the idea of incorporating a love interest.
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe thinking of different ideas.

- That seemed kind of intimidating to deal with.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this example “with” is used to describe not doing something because it is intimidating.
- He gets out of prison and is coming to terms with everything that happened.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe how he moves forward after events.
- Some thugs were trying to mess with her.
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe being bullied or harassed.
- She is willing to put up with his mysteriousness.
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe acceptance.
- He argues with her.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this example “with” is used to describe who he is arguing with.
- They break in and make off with her.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe the action of kidnapping.
- He hits his old crew with everything he’s got!
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe how he is hitting his old crew back.
- It can finish with a dramatic fight scene.
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe what kind of scene will finish the story.
- They can run off with each other.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this example “with” is used to describe two people starting a life together somewhere else.
- It’s relaxing to settle down with a book that has a predictable plot.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe what he likes to settle down with.
- I’m not sure I can live with publishing that kind of story.
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe how she wouldn’t like the idea of that kind of story being part of her reputation.
- We can keep working with it okay?
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe working on the project.

Excellent work! Let's take a look at the following Prepositional Phrases using the word "with." Can you use each of them in a new or different sentence? Can you describe what each prepositional phrase means or is describing in your sentences?



Great Job! Let's go over some of these common phrases and sayings and see if you can tell me what the sentence means.

- Are you going to be able to cope with practicing every day?
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word "with" is used to describe what you are coping with.
- I think you need to come up with a better excuse.
 - What does "with" in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word "with" is used to describe something that needs to be done.
- You are stuck with me as a teacher.
 - What does "with" mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here "with" is used in the sentence as a way to describe having something you don't have an option to change.
- We can all agree with each other.
 - What about this example of "with?"
 - ANSWER: In this sentence "with" is being used as a way to describe agreeing in a group.
- Janice fiddled with her hair a lot.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word "with" is used to describe the act of nervousness and how she is displaying it.

- In keeping with tradition, we will keep working.
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe doing something because it is something that is always done in that situation.
- I’m sure you are going to pass with flying colors!
 - What does “with” mean here?
 - ANSWER: Here “with” is used in the sentence as a way to describe how you are going to pass.
- Make sure you engage with like-minded people.
 - What about this example of “with?”
 - ANSWER: In this sentence “with” is being used as a way to describe who you are engaging with.
- You don’t want to hook-up with the wrong crowd.
 - What do you think this sentence means?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe who you are hooking up with.
 - ANSWER: Hooking up is a common idiom used to describe two people meeting and doing something together.
- Thank you for putting up with this lesson!
 - What does “with” in this sentence mean?
 - ANSWER: In this sentence the word “with” is used to describe how the lesson was tolerated.