TABLE OF THE PRINCIPAL PREPOSITIONS

a		to
	al[1]	to the
ab		from, beginning with
akontre		contrarily to
ante		before (*space*)
	antel[2]	before the
apse		next to
	apsel	next to the
da		from
	dal	from the
cis		on this side
de		of
	del	of the
do		after (*time*)
	dol	after the
dorse		rear, back of
dre		behind
	drel	behind the
dun		during, while
eske		except
	eskel	except to the
exe		out, out of
face		facing
gre		in spite of
	grel	in spite of the
in		in
	nel	in the
ine		inside
inloke		instead of
infolge		following
inte		between, among
	intel	between, among the
intre		inside
	intrel	inside the
inye		within
	inyel	within the
je[3]		to, in, for, by, near
	jel	to, in, for, by, near the
kauze		because of
	kauzel	because of the
kon		with
	kol	with the

konforme		according to
kontre		against
	kontrel	against the
les		according to
longale		along, at the side of
mede		amidst
meze		by means of
nir		near
obe		above, up
on		on, over
	ol	on, over the
pe		by
	pel	by the
po		for
	pol	for the
pre		before (*time*)
	prel	before the
pri		about, concerning
	pril	concerning the
pro		for, in favor of, per
rektele		overleaf
rir		behind
rispe		in reply to
ritre		behind
sen		without
she		at, to
sub		under
sube		under, below
	subel	under the
sur		over, above
sure		above
terge		on the back, overleaf
tra, trans		beyond
tru		through
	trul	through the
u[4]		at, in possession of
	ul	at the, in possession of the
um		around
unte		down
	untel	down the
us		until

[1] Neo very often contracts the preposition with the definite article:

Il dir sa dengo *al* pov vir.	He gave his money *to the* poor man.
***Prel* marlo de ma frat.**	*Before* my brother's marriage.
***Antel* fenso un tablo**	A table (is) *before the* window.
Ma frat marlir *prel* guer	My brother married *before the* war.
***Dol* guer ecos prosperir.**	*After the* business flourished.
El gir *al* garden *kol* filin *del* ensener.	She went *to the* garden *with the* teacher's daughter.
Zi parlar *pril* tertrem.	They are talking *about the* earth-quake.

[2] The terminal l of the contraction does not shift the stress from the first syllable: **ántel, ápsel, éskel, kóntrel, káuzel**, etc.
[3] **je** has all sorts of meanings and is used whenever doubt is felt regarding use of other prepositions.
[4] the preposition **u** (replaced in Latin with the dative) corresponds to the Russian *u*: **u mi libro** I have, I possess a book (Latin: *est mihi liber*; Russian: *u menya kniga*).

PREPOSITIONS AND ADVERBS are frequently used as PREFIXES, as well for adjective as for adverbial use:
preguera pre-war; **preguere** before the war; **prenasa** prenatal; **prenase** before the birth; **preexista** preexistent; **preexiste** before the existence; **doskola** after-school; **doskole** after school; **doguera** after-war; **doguere** after the war; **nokviva** still living; **semliba** always beloved; **ma semlibat** my always beloved (man, son, lover); **ma semlibin** my always beloved (wife, daughter, girl); **niudat** never heard; **nivinkat** never vanquished; **maname e name ma frat** in my name and in my brother's name.

EXERCISE

Vo lo dom de ta profesor?	Where is your professor's house?
Lo dom del profesor drel klezo.	The professor's house is behind the church.
Mi ju venar dal klezo.	I have just come from church.
Perdinde lo klil del pordo, il entrir trul fenso del kuk.	Having lost the door's key, he entered through the kitchen's window.
El skribir un libro pril guer.	She wrote a book about the war.
Mi exor au kon tu au kon nilun.	I'll go out either with you or with nobody.
Nilosun venir etmatin.	Nobody else came this morning.
Vur tu i somoso?	Would you like to have something else?
Dank, mi nesar niloso.	Thank you, I don't want anything else.
Et labor endenda inyel vek.	This work is to be finished within the week.
Sar lo libro ol tablo?	Is the book on the table?
U il du filyos e un filin.	He has two sons and a daughter.
No fexu kontre destin!	Don't struggle against destiny!
Nel mensocar vu par edi kelore	In the dining-car you can eat at any time.
Vidir vu somun nel dom del librer?	Did you see anybody at the book-seller's house?
Ye sir sa filin kon la spozo.	There was his daughter with her husband.
L'ensener parlar al alevos.	The teacher talks to the pupils.
Il parlar kon un alevin.	He is talking with a (girl) pupil.
Il parlar pril libro de la patro.	He is talking about her father's book.
Il parlar pri sa libro.	He is talking about his (own) book.
Lo vir jel griza gantos.	The man with the grey gloves.
Tos venir kune kol nuv vestos.	All came together with the new garments.

Kelo il dicar, no pavu.	Whatever he says, don’t be afraid.
Mi prenar etun; totosunos po vu.	I take this one; all others are for you.
Eto me plar, yeno no.	This pleases me, that does not.
Mi fonir al doktor; somosun rispir.	I called the doctor; somebody else answered.
Venu kon mi shel doktor, ose mi no gor.	Come with me to the doctor’s; otherwise I will not go.
Rispe va brif, nos glada v’informi nos ar lo libro vu kirar.	In reply to your letter, we are glad to inform you that we have the book you are looking for.
Es vu par atendi us kras, mi vole exor kon vu.	If you can wait until tomorrow, I’ll willingly go out with you.

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