

Prepositions

APSU Writing Center Handout

The prepositional choice before which depends on the phrasal verb, the meaning of the sentence, and whether you are referring to a place, time, thing, or action. Rearranging the sentence is the simplest way to determine the correct preposition.

In Which

Use in which to add detail and precision.

- **Example:** The people **in which** I trust this information do not seem to think they're worth my trust.
- **Explanation:** You trust in people.

Of Which

Use of which when the verb or phrase includes of.

- **Example:** The people **of which** you speak are not here today.
- **Explanation:** You speak of people who are not here today.

At Which

Use at which for times, events, and specific locations.

- **Example:** The venue **at which** we will meet later today is just here.
- **Explanation:** We will meet at the venue that is just here later today.

To Which

Use to which for movement, especially with travel verbs such as drive, walk, run, fly, etc.

- **Example:** The place **to which** they drove was quite spectacular.
- **Explanation:** They drove to a quite spectacular place.

From Which

Use from which when referring to a starting point or place of origin.

- **Example:** The hotel is just over there, **from which** you can travel around the country.
- **Explanation:** You can travel from the hotel to many places.

After Which

Use after which to show what follows directly after the previous event.

- **Example:** I went to the store, **after which** I went back home.
- **Explanation:** One action happened, after which another action followed.

Synonyms for “After Which”

following that

then

afterward

next

as soon as that finished

once that happened

subsequently

consequently