



Course: English composition 1

Course code: ENGL 101

Topic: Descriptive paragraph

Skill: Vocabulary and composition

Synonyms:

Synonyms are words that have the same or very similar meaning. All words can have a synonym. Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions can have a synonym as long as both words are the same art of speech.

Antonyms:

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings. For example, the antonym of long is short. Often words will have more than one antonym but as with synonyms it depends on the context. For instance, the word warm could have the antonym cool or chilly. In order to choose the correct antonym, you must look at all the meanings and how the word is used.

Composition Skills: Prepositions of place and direction

Prepositions of Position	
• at the back of	• to the left of
• at the bottom of	• on the other side of
• at the top of	• to the right of
• behind	• on the side of
• between	• on top of
• in the corner of	• opposite
• in the middle of	• to the left of
• next to	• on the other side of

Example:

1. There is a large garden **in the middle** of the skyscraper.
2. The smallest room is located **to the left** of the internal garden.
3. The entrance to room number three is **on the opposite side** of the entrance to room number two.

Prepositions of Direction

Here are several prepositions that can be used to show direction and movement around the floor plan:

- across
- between
- into
- out of
- past
- round
- through
- towards

Las preposiciones se utilizan para especificar lugar y dirección de una instrucción o descripción de un lugar.

Example:

1. Walk **through** the exit of room two and enter building number three.
2. Walk **across** the indoor garden to reach room number five.
3. Walk **past** the side entrance to reach the main entrance.

Web resources:

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBWm3-mxL1U>

Quizzes:

<http://www.usingenglish.com/quizzes/38.html>

<http://www.britannica.com/quiz/antonyms-and-synonyms>

Games:

<http://www.turtlediary.com/game/antonym-synonym.html>

http://www.abcya.com/synonyms_antonyms.htm

References:

http://esl.about.com/library/grammar/blgr_prep9.htm