

THE PREPOSITION.

RULE XIV.—Prepositions are followed by the Objective case ; as, He was killed *in* battle.

1. Position of Preposition.—(1) As its name implies, the 'Preposition' is placed **before** the word, though sometimes it is found after it ; as, He spoke *against* the measure.

Thy deep ravines and dells *among*.—*Scott*.

(2) **With Relatives.**—Prepositions never stand before the relative '**that**;' and when the relative is omitted they are placed after the verb ; as, That is the person I spoke of. Such an arrangement of words is suitable for simple **conversational** style, but strict attention to grammatical structure would prefer this arrangement : 'This is the person *of whom* I spoke.'

2. Choice of Prepositions.—(1) Certain words and phrases should be followed by appropriate prepositions. The pupil can become acquainted with these only by extensive practice.

A few examples will explain this remark.

Abound <i>in, with</i> .	Differ <i>with</i> , (quarrel).
Absent <i>from</i> .	Differ <i>from</i> , (disagree).
Accuse <i>of</i> .	Different <i>from</i> .
Address <i>to</i> .	Exclude <i>from</i> .
Advantage <i>over, of</i> .	Expel <i>from</i> .
Affection <i>for</i> .	Free <i>from</i> .
Agree <i>with</i> a person ; <i>to</i> a proposition from another ; <i>upon</i> a thing among themselves.	Fruitful <i>in</i> .
Approve <i>of</i> .	Grateful <i>to</i> a person.
Arrive <i>at</i> .	Grateful <i>for</i> favors.
Ask <i>of</i> a person ; <i>for</i> a thing ; <i>after</i> what we wish to hear of.	Hinder <i>from</i> .
Associate <i>with</i> .	Improve <i>upon</i> .
Assent <i>to</i> .	Interfere <i>with</i> .
Attain <i>to</i> .	Long <i>for</i> .
Banish <i>from, to</i> .	Made <i>of</i> , (material).
Betray <i>to</i> a person ; <i>into</i> a thing.	Made <i>for</i> , (purpose).
Best of.	Need <i>of</i> .
Blash <i>at</i> .	Occasion <i>for</i> .
Call <i>on</i> a person : <i>at</i> a place.	Opposite <i>to</i> .
Capacity <i>for</i> .	Persevere <i>in</i> .
Careful <i>of, in</i> .	Prefix <i>to</i> .
Change (exchange) <i>for</i> ; (alter) <i>to, into</i> .	Quarrel <i>with</i> .
Compare <i>with</i> , in respect of quality ; <i>to</i> , by way of illustration.	Reflect <i>upon</i> or <i>on</i> .
Depend <i>upon</i> .	Restore <i>to</i> .
Deprive <i>of</i> .	Smile <i>at</i> .
	Swerve <i>from</i> .
	Think <i>of</i> .
	True <i>to</i> or <i>of</i> .
	Unite <i>with</i> .
	Wait <i>on, at, or for</i> .
	Worthy <i>of</i> .