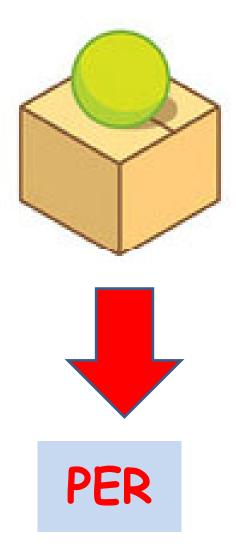
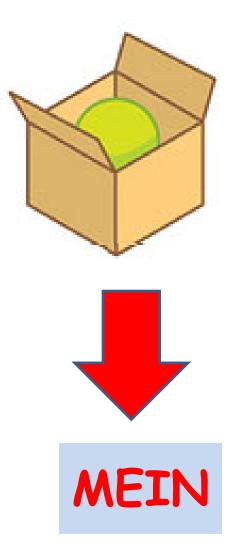
POSTPOSITIONAL PHRASE





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Postpositions in Urdu

 Urdu uses postpositions that follow the noun (rather than prepositions of English that precede the noun).

Kitab meiz par hai. Book

Book is on the table.

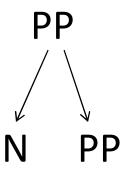


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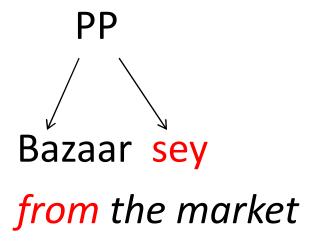
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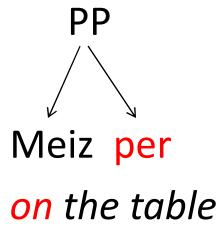
Pre-position

PP(NP + PP)



postpositions	prepositions
sey	from
per	on





Bazar sey

From the market

Hostel sey

From the hostel

Cholhey per

On the stove

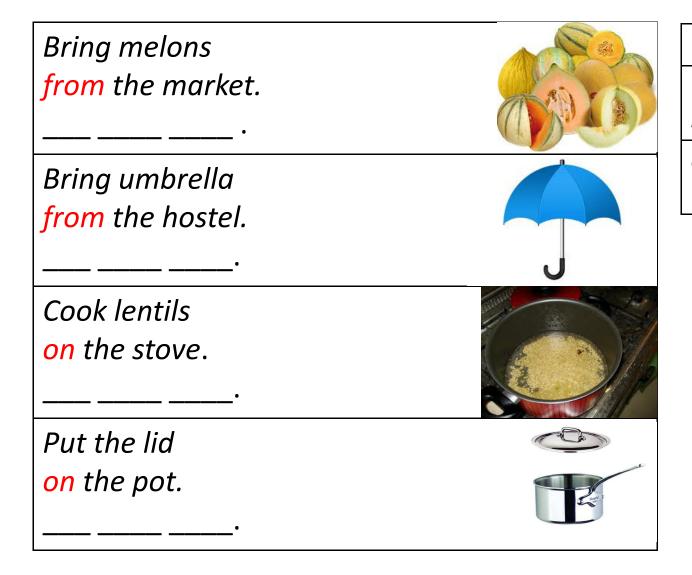
Degchi per

On the pot





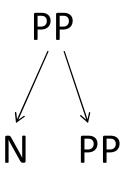




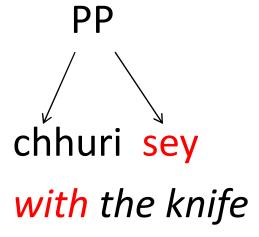
Vocabulary kharboza (m) *melon*

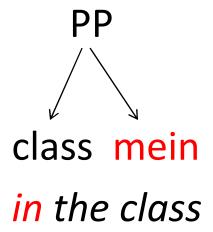
chhatri (f) umbrella

PP(NP + PP)



postpositions	prepositions
sey, key sath	with
mein	in





Kaantey sey With the fork Romaal sey With the napkin Lahore mein *In Lahore* Gali mein *In the street*

Vocabulary romaal (m) napkin gali (f) street

Eat water melon with the fork.

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Clean hands with the napkin.

There is hot weather in Lahore.

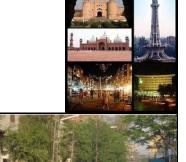
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There is noise in the street.

____.







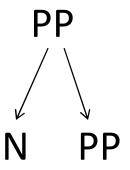
Vocabulary

tarbooz (m) water melon

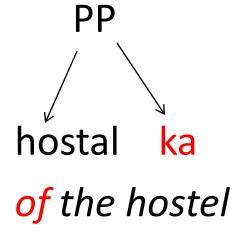
mausam (m) weather

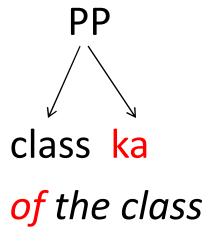
shour (m) noise

PP(NP + PP)



postpositions	prepositions
ka	of





hostel ka

of the hostel

class ka

of the class

Lahore ka

of Lahore

UET ki

of UET





This is the room of the hostel.

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This is the boy of our class.

____.

This is the station of Lahore.

_____•

This is the bus of UET.

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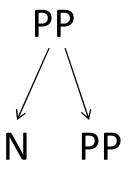




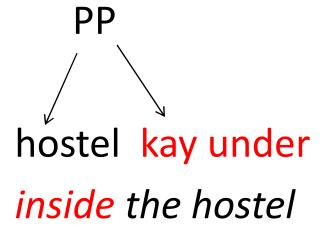


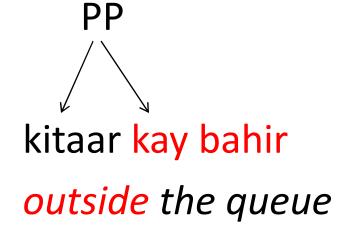


PP(NP + PP)



postpositions	prepositions
kay under	inside
kay bahir	outside





hostel kay under

inside the hostel

kitaar kay under

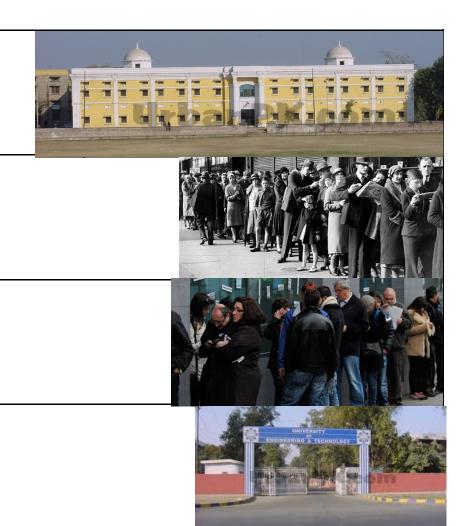
inside the queue

kitaar kay bahir

outside the queue

UET kay bahir

outside UET



Guard is outside the hostel.

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inside the queue.

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You are

outside the queue.

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Mosque is outside UET.

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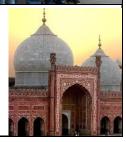
Vocabulary

choukidaar (m) guard

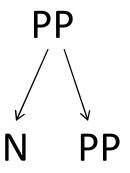
kitaar (f) queue

masjid (f) *mosque*

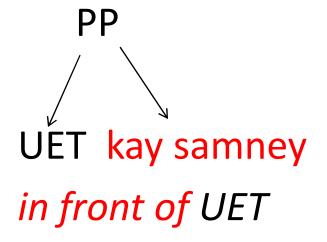
kharey hona to stand

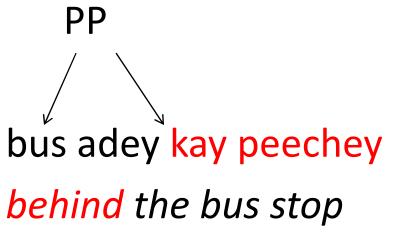


PP(NP + PP)



postpositions	prepositions
kay aagey, kay samney	in front of
kay peechey	behind





UET kay samney

in front of UET

bus adey kay peechey

behind the bus stop

bank kay samney

in front of bank

IBM kay peechey

behind IBM









Patrol pump is in front of UET.

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Café is

behind the bus stop.

____.



Museum is

in front of bank.

____.

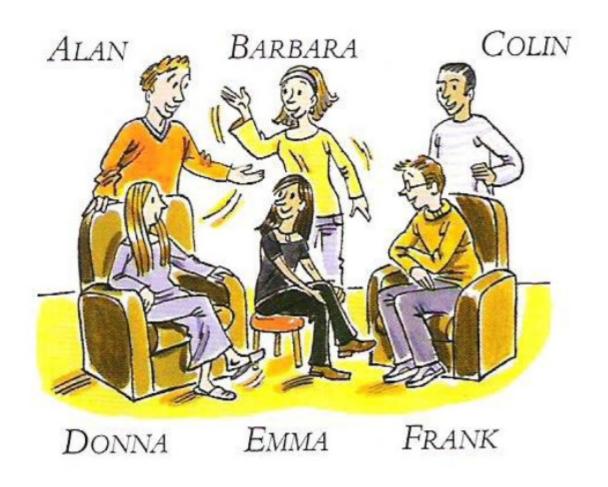


The building of Automotive is behind IBM.



Vocabulary

ajaeb ghar (m) museum



• Alan kahan hai?

• Donna kahan hai?

Where is Alan?

Where is Donna?

Oblique Form

 The Nouns in Urdu change to oblique form when they are followed by a postpositions.

	Singular		Plural	
Masculine Nouns ending in vowels	'a' sound changes to 'ey'		'ey' sound changes to 'oon'	
	lark- <mark>a</mark>	boy	lark-ey	boys
	lark- <mark>ey</mark> mein	in the boy	lark-oon mein	in the boys

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lark- <mark>ey</mark> mein	in the boy	lark- <mark>oon</mark> me	in <i>in the boys</i>
lark-a	boy	lark-ey	boys
	from the boy		from the boys
tot-a	parrot	tot- <mark>ey</mark>	parrots
	with the parrot		with the parrots
bachch- <mark>ah</mark>	kid	bachch- <mark>ey</mark>	kids
	from the kid		from the kids

There is goodness in the boy.	There is goodness in the boys.
Take notes from the boy.	Take notes from the boys.
Play with the parrot.	Play with the parrots.
Ask the ball from the kid.	Ask the ball from the kids.

Oblique Form

 The Nouns in Urdu change to oblique form when they are followed by a postpositions.

	Singular		Plural	
Masculine Nouns ending in consonants	No change		we add 'oon'	
	ghar	house	ghar	houses
	ghar mein	in the house	ghar-oon mein	in the houses

ghar	house	ghar	house
ghar mein	in the house	ghar-oon mein	in the houses
phal	fruit	phal	fruits
	in the fruit		in the fruits
marker	marker	marker	markers
	with the marker		with the markers
glass	glass	glass	glasses
	in the glass		in the glasses

Boy is in the house.	Boys are in the houses.
There are seeds in the fruit.	There are seeds in the fruits.
Write with the marker.	Write with the markers.
Pour water in the glass.	Pour water in the glasses.
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Oblique Form

 The Nouns in Urdu change to oblique form when they are followed by a postpositions.

	Singular		Plural	
Feminine Nouns ending in vowels	No change		'ian' sound changes to 'ioon'	
	rot-i	bread	rot-ian	breads
	rot-i mein	in the bread	rot- <mark>ioon</mark> mein	in the breads

rot-i	bread	rot-ian	breads
rot-i mein	in the bread	rot- <mark>ioon</mark> mein	in the breads
kurs-i	chair	kurs-ian	chairs
	on the chair		on the chairs
mool-i	radish	mool-ian	radishes
	on the radish		on the radishes
almar-i	cupboard	almar-ian	cupboards
·	in the cupboard		in the cupboards

There is salt in the bread.	There is salt in the breads.
Sit on the chair.	Sit on the chairs.
Sprinkle salt on the radish.	Sprinkle salt on the radishes.
Put towel in the cupboard.	Put towels in the cupboards.
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Oblique Form

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	Singular		Plural	
Feminine Nouns ending in consonants	No change		'ain' sound chang	ge to 'oon'
	kitab	book	kitab- <mark>ain</mark>	books
	kitab mein	in the book	kitab- <mark>oon</mark> mein	in the books

kitab	book	kitab- <mark>ain</mark>	books
kitab sey	from the book	kitab- <mark>oon</mark> sey	from the books
meiz	table	maiz- <mark>ain</mark>	tables
	on the table		on the tables
gaind	ball	gaind- <mark>ain</mark>	balls
	with the ball		with the balls
palait	plate	palait-ain	plates
	in the plate		in the plates

Read from the book.	Read from the books.
The book is on the table.	The books are on the tables.
Play with the ball.	Play with the balls.
Put salan in the plate.	Put salan in the plates.

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