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Various linguists have examined words which are traditionally called prepositions in Thai. Warotamasikkhadit (1992) proposed that there are no prepositions in Thai. Other linguists maintain that there remain prepositions in Thai (cf. Savetamalya 1989; Indrambarya 1995; Prasithrathsint 2000). Words which appear in the following frame [NP V NP __ NP] have been widely discussed and classified into various categories: verbs (Indrambarya 1995), nouns (Savetamalya 1989; Indrambarya 1995, Prasithrathsint 2000), prepositions (Indrambarya 1995, Prasithrathsint 2000), adverbs (Indrambarya 1995) or even conjunctions (Warotamasikkhadit 1992)

With new findings in recent years, my aim in this paper is to take a closer look each of the words which may appear in the above construction. Using precise and reliable set of syntactic criteria, I can synchronically identify prepositions in Thai. The data are drawn from present-day standard Thai corpus. The result shows that words which may appear in this position may have homophonous forms and they may belong to one of the four lexical categories, namely, verbs, prepositions, nouns or adverbs -- with the limited number of the last two classes.

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