

“ABOUT”, “ROUND”

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– in, on, at, for, out, to, up, of, by, from, near
: into, onto, next to, away from, out of, underneath,
throughout, within, without.
() : inside, in the direction of,
behind, all over, on top of.

, to go in for something – , see sb through –
, make something of yourself

, bring to – , carry over – , come
down with – : of
course – , be getting on – , be up the creek –

about
“ ” : Archie
Dexter...came into her dressing-room to speak about something [7, p. 53],
“ ” : “Tom came in about six o'clock to say
good-bye to her” [7, p.118].

about around
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: “It was twenty-four steps up to our
“official” homestead, and I had to pause about halfway to catch my breath” [9, p. 27], “At
about eleven-thirty, I walked him to his car” [9, p. 9]

– : roughly, approximately,
be about + to inf. about
: “I were about to perforate their nets” [9, p. 5]. not
be about + to inf.

: “But I was not about to set him up to reminisce about F.D.R., or his role in U.S. bank reform. So I shut up” [9, p. 19].

round about: “Oh, don’t you be afraid, if I lose on the swings I’ll get back on the roundabouts” [7, p. 112].
About

: “I gave the whole situation a big think for about two seconds...”

about which-, how-, what- : “I made a few imaginative suggestions about what Miss Whitman could do with her-ho ho ho-thirty-five hundred”
about

: “It’s so nice for Roger to have somebody like Tom to go about with (to go about = to get about/to move around/to travel)” [7, p. 90],

: “They bathed, they played tennis, they played golf, they lounged about on the river” [7, p. 79].

about

, **about + N**: “This gentleman wants to talk to me about a play” [7, p. 60]; **about + Gerund**: “It was not that she had any scruples about being his mistress” [7, p. 48]; **N_{pr} in poss.case + Gerund**: “... there’s nothing wrong in Julia’s going about all the time with that miserable little pip-squeak” [7, p. 86]; **V+ about + Prn_{poss} + Gerund**: “Of course it was a relief that he was talking about her acting” [7, p. 115]; **N + about + Prn**: “He was passionate, there was no doubt about that” () [7, p. 57], “She was much too intelligent not to know in what estimation the public held her, but she was modest about herself” () [7, p. 70]; **about + determiner**: “You know how ignorant I am about everything” [7, p. 139].

About + Num + N: “His photo suggested sensitivity, intelligence and about fifty pounds less than me” [9, p.10]; **V about+ clause**: “Last night even though you weren’t really thinking about what you were doing every now and then the words you were saying wrote themselves on your face” [7, p. 11].

around, round

] : “She was feeling very well, but she had a great yearning to feel his arms around her” [7, p. 31], “As he said this he slipped his arm round her waist and kissed her” [7, p. 98].

around

: around and about, all around: “Nothing says he’ll still be around when you’re finally ready for the reconciliation” [7, p. 234],

“”: fool around, mess around, play around, wait around: “I thought it would be nice for you to have a boy of that age to play around with” [7, p. 143].

round

: all the year round, winter comes round, show one round: “The call-boy came round knocking at the dressing-room doors” [7, p. 44].

around / round

: “Around the corner.” She pointed in the precise direction [9, p. 10], “She looked round the room that had been the scene of so many emotions for her” [7, p. 148].

around / round

: “Nice to have a young fellow like that around,” he said. Julia looked round for a big chair into which she could conveniently sink [7, p. 24]. Round

: “No flattery, no allurements, could tempt him

LINGUISTIC BEING OF LEXEMES “ABOUT”, “ROUND”

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The article deals with the etymological sources of parts of speech classification into functional and structural ones, besides both structural and functional peculiarities of prepositions are considered depending on the context of their usage.

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