

WordPress - Function to Get Parent Category ID

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In brief

To get the parent category ID of a WordPress post, add the custom function `get_posts_parent_category_id()` to your theme's `functions.php` file.

You can retrieve the parent Category id of a post by using the following function.

```
function get_posts_parent_category_id(){
    $category = get_the_category();
    $cat = get_category($category[0]->term_id);
    return $parent_catid = $cat->category_parent;
}
```

Place the above code in `function.php` in your theme folder or place it in the `function.php` in the `wp-include` folder (to use the function in any theme).

From any page, simply call the function and get the parent category id in a variable like this.

```
$parent_catid = get_posts_parent_category_id();
```

Now you have the parent category id in `$parent_catid` variable