

Grammar Academic Review

Prepositions

A preposition is used to show the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to another word. Prepositions can show position, direction, or other relationships.

above	across	after	around	at	before	behind
below	beside	between	during	for	from	inside
off	on	through	to	toward	under	with

The team is playing **in** the championship game.

The fans **inside** the gym are very excited.

The player **with** the ball dribbled **across** the court.

Underline the prepositions in the sentence.

1. Our basketball coach had a surprise for s during practice today.
2. We net with a professional player names Verry Tawl.
3. Verry arrived after our main workout and before our practice game.
4. Coach wanted Verry to watch us shoot from the foul line.
5. We are good shots and usually get the ball through the hoop.
6. Many players bounced the ball off the rim to hit it on the backboard before the basket.
7. Verry watched us run around the court and pass the ball between players .f
8. We dribbled down the court, moving the ball toward our basket to score.
9. Team members at practice were photographed standing beside Verry.
10. There was space above my head for Verry Tawl to sign the picture!

A prepositional phrase is made up of a preposition, its object, and any words in between. The object of the preposition is the noun or pronoun that follows the preposition.

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Prepositional Phrase

Our class is planning a dinner **before** the concert.

Preposition

Object of the Preposition

Choose the prepositional phrase from the word box to complete each sentence. Circle the preposition. Draw a line under the object of the preposition.

around the room	for our class trip	onto warm plates
after mess dinners	to the dumpster	at school
during the meal	inside the cafeteria	

1. The sixth grade had a spaghetti dinner _____.
2. We wanted to raise money _____.
3. The dinner was held _____.
4. We put up twinkling lights _____.
5. We played music _____.
6. Some students dished up the spaghetti and sauce _____.
7. Other students cleared the tables and cleaned up _____.
8. Others took the trash _____.

A prepositional phrase is made up of a preposition, the noun or pronoun that is the object of the preposition, and any words in between.

Some prepositional phrases serve as adjectives to describe nouns.

Prepositional Phrase

The family inside that car looks familiar.

Noun

Prepositional Phrase

These pants with big pockets are comfortable.

Noun

Complete each sentence with a prepositional phrase from the word box. Then circle the object of each preposition.

below the surface	above the prairie	behind the house
under our feet	toward the west	from the Arctic

1. The snow _____ is melting.
2. The wind _____ is freezing.
3. The water _____ is colder.
4. The ice _____ is dangerous.
5. The moon _____ is full tonight.
6. The clouds _____ are purple.

Complete each sentence using a prepositional phrase to describe each noun.

7. The sun _____

8. The mud _____

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Some prepositional phrases act like adverbs. They tell *where*, *when*, and *how*.

Where	The planet is behind the sun.
When	The light glows after the flash.
How	The Hero appears in a spacesuit.

Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Circle the object of the preposition. Then write *how*, *when*, or *where* on the line to explain what the phrase tells.

1. The movie ended with a loud explosion. _____
2. The main characters escaped before the big blast. _____
3. They were transported off the doomed planet. _____
4. It looked like they were headed toward Earth. _____
5. Their old planet was scattered across the galaxy. _____
6. Never leave your seat during the final moments. _____
7. I thought the movie was longer, and that I would be back in time. _____
8. I knew from my friends' reactions that I missed the best part! _____

Complete each sentence using a prepositional phrase that acts as an adverb.

9. My friend said the villain jumped _____
10. The star of the movie went _____