

Unit 24: Starting Sentences with Prepositions

THE PROBLEMS

In the city find good jobs.

At the beach is beautiful.

Exercise 1: ____1) Circle the prepositional phrases. Remember from Unit 12, a prepositional phrase is a preposition and a noun after it. (There are 6 prepositional phrases, including the first.)
____2) Write *S* above the subject of each sentence.

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1. (Near the mall,) we can find some cheap electronic shops.
2. After an hour, they decided to go home.
3. Under the table, the dog found some food.
4. In the middle of the night, the baby woke up.
5. In the desert, it is very hot.

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer.

The subject of a sentence _____ part of the prepositional phrase.

- a) can be b) cannot be

Exercise 3: Look at the sentences. Choose the correct explanation for each.

1. Next to my bed, I have a lamp and some books.

- a) This is correct. The subject *I* is after the prepositional phrase.
- b) This is incorrect because it doesn't have a subject after the prepositional phrase. We should add *it* after *bed*.

2. At night is very cold in winter.

- a) This is correct. The subject *night* is after the prepositional phrase.
- b) This is incorrect because it doesn't have a subject after the prepositional phrase. We should add the word *it* after *night*.

3. During the game, a player got hurt.

- a) This is correct. The subject *player* is after the prepositional phrase.
- b) This is incorrect because it doesn't have a subject after the prepositional phrase.

4. In my city is a lot of traffic during the rush hour.

- a) This is correct. The subject *city* is after the prepositional phrase.
- b) This is incorrect because it doesn't have a subject after the prepositional phrase. We should add *there* after *city*.

Exercise 4: ____1) If a sentence is correct, write *OK*. (2 sentences are OK, including Sentence 2.)
____2) If a sentence is incorrect, write *Not OK* and explain why.

Not OK 1. Next to the library found a beautiful park with a lot of trees.

It needs a subject after the prepositional phrase.

OK ____ 2. At the party, everyone had a great time.

____ 3. For an hour did my homework for English class.

____ 4. On a cell phone called 911 to report the accident.

_____ 5. From the policeman, my brother got a ticket for speeding.

_____ 6. Inside the theater watched a movie and ate pop corn.

Exercise 5: _____ 1) Write the sentences that your teacher reads to you.
_____ 2) Circle the subject in each sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Exercise 6: Write 4 sentences. Start each sentence with a preposition. You can use the prepositions in the box.

in	at	near	on	from
by	for	next to	during	under

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____