

Preposition or Adverb? • Practice 1

A preposition will always be part of a prepositional phrase. An adverb can stand alone.

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN PREPOSITIONS AND ADVERBS

Prepositions	Adverbs
We walked <i>along</i> the river.	We took the dog <i>along</i> .
A car raced <i>up</i> the hill.	Everyone stood <i>up</i> .
I will be there <i>before</i> seven.	I have never seen her <i>before</i> .

Exercise 1 Distinguishing Between Prepositions and Adverbs. Write *preposition* or *adverb* for the underlined words in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Sign your name on the line below. adverb

- We watched the clouds float by.
- Turn left just beyond the apple orchard.
- Did you bring the paper in?
- A large crowd gathered outside the ticket office.
- The skis are in the garage behind the sleds.
- These belong in the cupboard below the kitchen sink.
- The concert was planned by the performers themselves.
- Remember to leave your rubbers outside.
- Did you see the headline in tonight's paper?
- We seem to have left Robbie behind.

Exercise 2 Writing Prepositions and Adverbs in Sentences. Write two sentences for each word in parentheses below. In the first sentence, use the word as a preposition; in the second, use it as an adverb.

EXAMPLE: (besides) Besides Alice, we should invite Mark and Kathy.
We are very tired, and we are hungry besides.

- (above) _____

- (inside) _____

- (off) _____

- (near) _____

- (underneath) _____

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Preposition or Adverb? • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Recognizing Prepositions and Adverbs. Write *preposition* or *adverb* for the underlined word in each sentence below.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Elliot stopped by. adverb

1. Marilyn sat down. _____
2. The plumber went down the stairs. _____
3. The runners stood behind the white line. _____
4. The runner fell behind. _____
5. I saw you leap across and run away. _____
6. Ben ran across the street. _____
7. I asked Jane to come inside for a chat. _____
8. Mary placed the casserole inside the oven. _____
9. I read past the second chapter. _____
10. The train roared past. _____

Exercise 2 More Work With Recognizing Prepositions and Adverbs. Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

1. The child came out. _____
2. Helen raced out the door. _____
3. Miriam has been waiting since last Tuesday. _____
4. No one has visited since. _____
5. We took the notice off the bulletin board. _____
6. After dinner, they took off for the movies. _____
7. Mark painted on the smooth surface. _____
8. After you brush your teeth, put your shoes on. _____
9. This chair spins around. _____
10. A new store opened around the corner. _____

Writing Application Using Prepositions and Adverbs in Sentences. Write two sentences for each word in parentheses below. In the first sentence, use the word as a preposition; in the second, use it as an adverb.

1. (after) _____

2. (before) _____

3. (over) _____

4. (off) _____

5. (around) _____
