

Identifying Prepositional Phrases

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PRE-TEST

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PREPOSITIONS AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRSES

A preposition is a structure word which joins a noun or pronoun to the rest of the sentence.

Following is a list of the most commonly used prepositions:

Aboard	despite	over	apart from
About	down	past	aside from
Across	during	round	as to
After	except	around	because of
Against	for	through	by means of
Along	from	throughout	due to
Amid	in	to	in accordance with
Around	into	under	inasmuch as
At	like	until	in reference to
Before	near	up	in regards to
Below	off	upon	in respect to
Beneath	of	with	in spite of
Beside	on	without	instead of
Between	onto		on account of
Beyond	opposite		with reference to
But (except)	out		with regards to
By	outside		with respect to

A preposition usually begins the prepositional phrase, is linked by an article (a, an, the) to a noun or pronoun, which usually ends the prepositional phrase.

Example:

- To me (preposition + pronoun)
- Under an arch (preposition + article + noun)
- Through the door (preposition + article + noun)
- With pleasure (preposition + noun)

If the conjunction AND follows the noun or pronoun, the prepositional phrase usually continues to the next noun or pronoun.



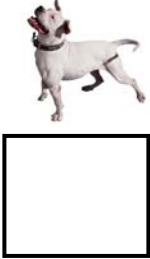
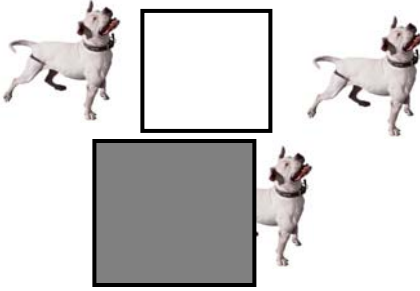


Example:

- Between Harry and me (preposition + noun + conjunction + pronoun)
- To the barn and the house (preposition + article + noun + conjunction + a article + noun)

With June and Helen (preposition + noun + conjunction + noun)
 Along the river and the bank (preposition + article + noun + conjunction +
 article + noun)

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Helpful in learning prepositions are the dog and box graphics illustrated on this page. The preposition indicates where the dog is in relation to the box...

<p><u>In</u> the box <u>Within</u> the box <u>Inside</u> the box</p>	<p><u>Toward</u> the box <u>To</u> the box</p>			<p><u>Over</u> the box <u>Above</u> the box <u>Near</u> the box <u>Across</u> the box <u>Opposite</u> the box</p>		
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5. Our dog and cat sleep together in the corner of the hall.

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