
Section Objective:

- Review grammar rules for prepositional phrases
- Practice the behaviors of effective, active listeners
- Listen to a podcast of an author portraying characters in a story

Grammar Review: Prepositions

A preposition is a word used to show the relation of a noun or pronoun to some other word in the sentence.

In the following sentences, the prepositions are shown in boldfaced type.

The words that the prepositions connect are italicized.

The first *woman* **on** the *list* is my mother.

Her cousin *will work* **in** *Pittsburgh* next year.

The *five* **of us** worked *hard* **for** *days*.

Object of the Preposition / Prepositional Phrase

A prepositional phrase begins with a **preposition** and ends with a noun or pronoun, called the **object of the preposition**.

In the following examples, the **preposition** is in boldface type. The **object of the preposition** is italicized.

We sat **on** the *fence*.

During *class*, I became sick.

We looked **through** the *window* quickly.

Practice: List of Prepositions: Can you do this?

List as many prepositions as you can. There are more than fifty prepositions in the English language. How many can you name?

If you get stuck, go online. There are many sites that can help you.

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| 1.in | 11. |
| 2.on | 12. |
| 3. under | 13. |
| 4.within | 14. |
| 5. | 15. |
| 6. | 16. |
| 7. | 17. |
| 8. | 18. |
| 9. | 19. |
| 10. | 20. |

Practice:Prepositions / Prepositional Phrases

What do you know? Now, see how much you remember about prepositions.

Boldface the prepositions, and *italicize the objects of the prepositions*.

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2. We ran away from my baby sister.
3. The principal broke up the fight in the gym.
4. Above the house, we saw twenty geese.
5. Let us look around the house for flowers.

Boldface the preposition, and *italicize the two words or ideas that have a relationship*.

6. Jake hid behind the garage.
7. I plan to go to the prom with Aaron.
8. I have been up since midnight.
9. Beneath the tree, I found 60 acorns.
10. We all went to the show, except Heather.

For a More Challenging Practice: Prepositions / Prepositional Phrases

“*Winter Dreams*” by F. Scott Fitzgerald

From “*Winter Dreams*” by F. Scott Fitzgerald, find 20 prepositional phrases and do the following:

First ten prepositional phrases: **Boldface the prepositions**, and *italicize the objects of the prepositions*.

Second ten prepositional phrases: **Boldface the preposition**, and *italicize the two words or ideas that have a relationship*.

Practice Assessment: Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

Directions: Take the following quiz on prepositions, prepositional phrases, and objects of the prepositions.

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Growth Activities

1. Pick out prepositional phrases in newspapers and magazines. Identify the prepositional phrase, the preposition, and the object of the preposition.
2. Do the same with a book that you are reading.

