

19.1 Prepositions • Practice 1

Words Used as Prepositions A preposition is a word that relates a noun or pronoun that appears with it to another word in the sentence. The choice of preposition affects the way the other words in a sentence relate to each other.

IDENTIFY ALL PREPOSITIONAL
PHRASES AND THEIR
FUNCTIONS

PREPOSITIONS	
The actors performed	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for} \\ \text{without} \\ \text{with} \end{array} \right\}$ the children.

- ADJECTIVAL

- ADVERBIAL

Prepositional Phrases A prepositional phrase is a group of words that includes a preposition and a noun or pronoun called the object of the preposition.

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES	
Prepositions	Objects of the Prepositions
about	<i>whom</i>
near	<i>the river</i>
next to	<i>the baby</i>

Exercise 1 Identifying Prepositions. Underline each preposition in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Elsa brought her camera with her to the museum.

- Snacks before dinner may spoil your appetite.
- We agreed to the plan without any hesitation.
- The wagon in the barn once belonged to my grandfather.
- Paul Revere rode through the countryside on his horse.
- According to the newspaper, the play will open in three weeks.
- We walked along the riverbank until sundown.
- Mom found my keys in the clothes hamper.
- The wood stove in the kitchen heats the whole house.
- Jerry hasn't changed much since last year.
- Everyone but I had a good view of the runner.

Exercise 2 Identifying Prepositional Phrases. Underline each preposition and circle its object.

The number in parentheses tells you how many phrases to look for.

EXAMPLE: The girl in front of the (line) came from (Germany) . (2)

- Among the five of us, we had just enough money for a pizza. (3)
- The sirens could be heard throughout the town. (1)
- The woman with the tan briefcase is the mayor. (1)
- A statue of a figure on horseback is an equestrian statue. (2)
- Despite the sudden shower, we enjoyed our day in the park. (2)
- Please put this vase of flowers in front of the fireplace. (2)
- Several guests were late because of the traffic. (1)
- During the summer everyone met often at the playground. (2)
- We could see the crab among the rocks beneath the surface. (2)
- I laughed in spite of myself. (1)

19.1 Prepositions • Practice 2

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Prepositions.** Write each prepositional phrase, replacing the given preposition with a new one that makes sense.

EXAMPLE: The reporter stood in front of the candidate.

The reporter stood behind the candidate.

1. Please put this **under the counter.** _____
2. The child played **outside the pool.** _____
3. I'd like my pizza **with anchovies.** _____
4. The secret service rode **ahead of the President.** _____
5. I finished my homework **after dinner.** _____
6. We carried the packages **into the house.** _____
7. The runners raced **up the hill.** _____
8. The senator spoke **prior to the press conference.** _____
9. The branch fell **onto the woodpile.** _____
10. The child ran **from its mother.** _____
11. The party started **without Benjamin.** _____
12. This gift **from you** means a great deal. _____
13. Jasmine sat **between Roland and Stephen.** _____
14. Katherine walked **out the door.** _____
15. **In addition to apples,** I bought some peaches. _____

Exercise 2 **Identifying Prepositional Phrases.** Underline the prepositional phrase or prepositional phrases in each sentence. The number at the end of each sentence tells how many prepositional phrases the sentence has.

EXAMPLE: Please hand me the book with the red cover. (1)

1. Very little could be seen **through the fog.** (1)
2. **In spite of his low test scores,** he was admitted **to the program.** (2)
3. The children dropped their mittens **into the muddy creek.** (1)
4. The squirrels chased each other **around the park.** (1)
5. The huge dog dragged his master **along the path.** (1)
6. Cars and trucks streamed **across the bridge** **during the rush hour.** (2)
7. You will find the beach house **next to the pier** and **in back of the parking lot.** (2)
8. **For three years** she traveled the same road. (1)
9. They hiked **in the Rocky Mountains** **for two weeks.** (2)
10. **Every morning,** he passes by **on roller skates.** (1) (2)
11. The path winds **through the hills** and **into a valley.** (2)
12. The person standing **near the kitchen** seems angry. (1)
13. Life **on a raft** **on the Mississippi** gave Huck a chance **for adventure.** (3)
14. **After an hour** I finally arrived **at the home** of my new friend. (3)
15. The book opens **with a mystery** **concerning a lost bracelet.** (2)