

A **preposition** is a word that relates a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence.

Ex: I always hike with great care.

(the preposition *with* shows the relationship between *hike* and *care*)

My brother took a picture of me.

(the preposition *of* shows the relationship between *me* and picture)

Here are some of the most common prepositions:

about	along	behind	beyond	from	of	outside	under
above	among	below	by	in	off	over	until
across	around	beneath	down	inside	on	through	up
after	at	beside	during	into	onto	to	with
against	before	between	for	near	out	toward	without

Read each sentence. Underline the prepositions.

1. There are books about many subjects in the library.
2. I looked for certain books on the shelves.
3. I took a book off the shelf and looked at it.
4. The librarian looked for a list inside her desk drawer.
5. I wrote some titles on a piece of paper and the author's name after each title.

Complete each sentence with a preposition that makes sense.

1. My brother and I went hiking _____ the woods.
2. I carried my camera _____ my neck.
3. We took pictures _____ the plants and animals.
4. We climbed _____ the hill _____ a better view.
5. Then we rested _____ a tree.
6. I followed my brother _____ the bridge.
7. Suddenly, I tripped and fell _____ the stream.
8. I had extra clothes _____ me _____ my backpack.

A **prepositional phrase** in a sentence begins with a preposition and ends with the noun or pronoun that is the **object of the preposition**. A prepositional phrase can tell when or where, or it can give more information about a noun. A sentence may contain more than one prepositional phrase, and a preposition may have a compound object.

I was late yesterday **for band practice**.

for band practice is the prepositional phrase

for is the preposition Now ask the question: *for* what? In this phrase the answer is *practice*, so *practice* is the object of the preposition

My family took a trip **to the zoo and a museum**.

to the zoo and a museum is the prepositional phrase

Remember that the phrase starts with the preposition, so the preposition is *to*

Now ask, *to* ... where? In this phrase there are two answers: *to zoo* and *to museum*, So both *zoo* and *museum* are the objects of the preposition.

Underline each prepositional phrase. Draw two lines under each preposition and circle its object.

1. I play the trombone in the band.
2. My parents bought me a new trombone for my birthday.
3. I keep my guitar case under my chair during practice.
4. Sometimes the band director leans against the wall and smiles.
5. There is great excitement throughout the school for our music.
6. We couldn't play so well without everyone's support.
7. Beneath the surface, we are nervous about the concert.

Complete each sentence by writing an object of the preposition in the blank.

1. The sun rises over the _____ and shines on the _____.

2. Floating on my _____ in the _____ is very relaxing.

3. During the _____ my family and I roast marshmallows.