

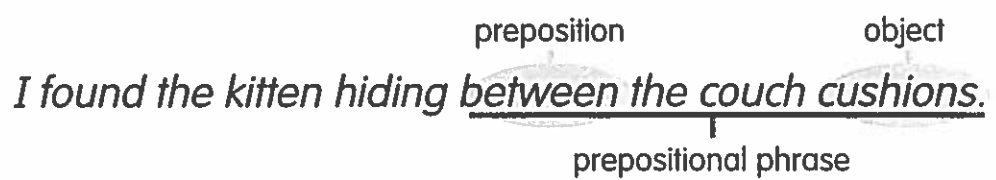
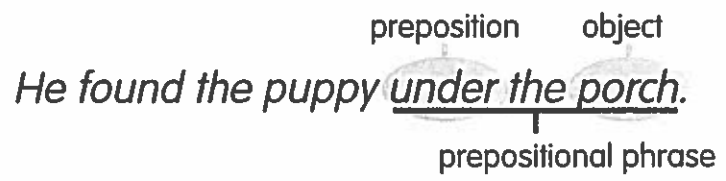
Rule 17

Prepositions and prepositional phrases relate a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence.

- A **preposition** is used to show the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence. Here are some common prepositions:

about above after around at behind
below beside between down during for
from in inside off on over
through to toward under upon with

- A **prepositional phrase** is made up of a preposition, its object, and all the words in between. The object of the preposition is the noun or pronoun that follows the preposition.



Prepositions

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A Fill in the missing prepositions in the sentences below.

under	around	beside
with	for	on
of	from	during

1. The doctor stood _____ the patient's bed.
2. Water flowed _____ the covered bridge.
3. Marcos went swimming _____ his best friend.
4. The hailstones pounded the roof _____ the storm.
5. Kelly took the largest slice _____ pepperoni pizza.
6. Mr. Winslow takes messages _____ his boss.
7. The little children raced _____ the playground.
8. Did you get the letter _____ your pen pal?
9. Don't forget to put a stamp _____ that envelope.

B On a sheet of lined paper, write a paragraph about children at a playground. When you are finished, circle all of the prepositions you used.

Prepositional Phrases



Write a sentence using each of the following prepositional phrases. After writing your sentences, do the following:

- circle the preposition in each sentence
- write an **O** over the object of the preposition

I found my library book under my ^Obed.

1. under the table

2. after the game

3. to the store

4. of the book

5. from Uncle Jim

6. around the room

Name _____

Locate Prepositional Phrases



Underline the prepositional phrases in the story. Remember that prepositional phrases begin with words such as *in*, *on*, *for*, *at*, *from*, etc. Then circle the object of each prepositional phrase.

Elias Howe invented the sewing machine in 1845. He thought homemakers around America would buy his machine. But homemakers did not have enough money for his machine. He tried selling the sewing machine to clothing manufacturers. They were not interested in Howe's invention, either.

Elias Howe set sail for Europe, hoping there would be interest in his idea there. But the consumers showed little interest in the sewing machine. Having no money for a return trip, Howe pawned his machine and his patent.

In the meantime, a few companies in America had begun manufacturing sewing machines. Howe borrowed money and bought back his machine and patent from the pawnshop. He proved in court that the idea for the sewing machine was his. Eventually, Elias Howe earned more than two million dollars from his invention.