

A preposition is used to show the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word. Prepositions can show position, direction, or other relationships.

<b>between</b>	<b>around</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>toward</b>
<b>across</b>	<b>during</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>inside</b>
<b>onto</b>	<b>over</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>under</b>

I see a statue **on** the hill.

*On* tells where the statue is.

It stands **beside** a plaque **with** information.

*Beside* tells where the statue stands. *With* tells what the plaque has.

The field **behind** the statue is where a battle took place.

*Behind* tells where the field is.

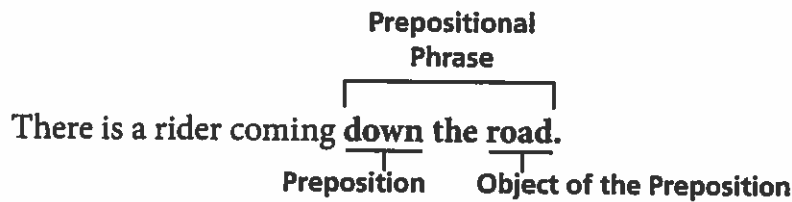
Underline the prepositions in the sentences.

1. The Revolutionary War was fought **between** the American colonies and England.
2. Many colonists felt that living **under** English rule was unfair.
3. The English king **across** the Atlantic Ocean did not agree.
4. The American colonies provided raw materials **for** English factories.
5. The colonists bought English goods and paid taxes **to** the king.
6. The king held **onto** the colonies and would not listen to their demands.
7. **Over** time, the desire for independence grew stronger **inside** the colonies.
8. **During** the years before the war, anger **toward** the king increased.
9. **All through** the colonies, patriot leaders rallied people **around** them.
10. Finally, **in** 1776 the colonies declared their independence **from** England.

A prepositional phrase is made up of a preposition, the noun or pronoun that comes after the preposition, and any words in between.

The noun or pronoun is called the object of the preposition.

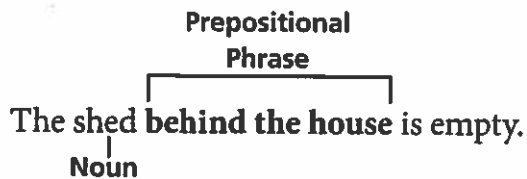
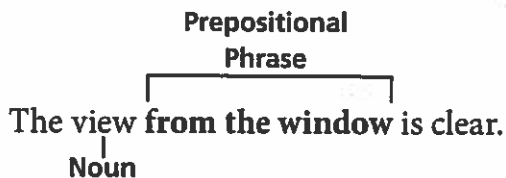
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Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Then circle the object of the preposition in each phrase.

1. The patriots looked across the river.
  2. They were watching for a very important signal.
  3. They were counting the lights inside the Old North Church.
  4. The tall steeple stood above other buildings.
  5. They could not miss the signal from the church.
  6. It flashed for only a short time, so the British did not notice.
  7. Soon riders were dashing through the countryside.
  8. Paul Revere was the most famous rider on that night.
  9. He warned the colonists to get ready for the British soldiers.
10. The next day, the famous battle at Bunker Hill took place.

A prepositional phrase is made up of a preposition, the object of the preposition, and any words in between. Some prepositional phrases describe nouns.



Complete each prepositional phrase.

1. a nation with \_\_\_\_\_
2. the river between \_\_\_\_\_
3. the town beside \_\_\_\_\_
4. the house on \_\_\_\_\_
5. the bridge over \_\_\_\_\_
6. the volcano above \_\_\_\_\_
7. many strange fish below \_\_\_\_\_
8. I see the path through \_\_\_\_\_
9. the road across \_\_\_\_\_
10. the family inside \_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Underline each preposition and circle the object in each prepositional phrase.

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Some prepositional phrases describe verbs and adverbs. They tell *where*, *when*, or *how*.

Prepositional Phrase

Where: I can see down the river.

Verb

Prepositional Phrase

When: Late in the night, it started to rain.

Adverb

Prepositional Phrase

How: The water roars with a powerful sound.

Verb

Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Draw an arrow from the prepositional phrase to the word it describes. Then circle *how*, *when*, or *where* to explain what the phrase tells.

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|--|-----|------|-------|
| 1. The rain falls in buckets.                              | how | when | where |
| 2. I hear the water rushing down the windows.              | how | when | where |
| 3. The lightning crackles before each thunderbolt.         | how | when | where |
| 4. I creep deeper under my quilt.                          | how | when | where |
| 5. The house shakes after each jolt as the storm rages.    | how | when | where |
| 6. The wind screams loudly through the trees outside.      | how | when | where |
| 7. I worry that the roof might blow off the house.         | how | when | where |
| 8. I wonder if a twister is headed toward us!              | how | when | where |
| 9. Suddenly, my father is talking in a loud voice.         | how | when | where |
| 10. It's morning, and he's calling me down to the kitchen! | how | when | where |

Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Which word is the preposition in the sentence?

*There is a cat with a black tail outside.*

- Ⓐ there
- Ⓑ with
- Ⓒ tail
- Ⓓ outside

2. Identify the prepositional phrase in this sentence.

*The date for the class picnic is May 1.*

- Ⓐ date for the class
- Ⓑ for the class picnic
- Ⓒ for the class
- Ⓓ the class picnic is May 1

3. Find the object of the preposition in this sentence.

*I can eat a snack before the game today.*

- Ⓐ snack
- Ⓑ before
- Ⓒ game
- Ⓓ today

4. Which sentence has a prepositional phrase that describes a noun?

- Ⓐ Let's go after school.
- Ⓑ We can leave before dinner.
- Ⓒ We could enter through that gate.
- Ⓓ The gate across the street is closer.

5. Which sentence has a prepositional phrase that describes a verb?

- Ⓐ The green car on the bridge has stopped.
- Ⓑ The exit before ours is Number 50.
- Ⓒ The red car is behind us.
- Ⓓ The drive to town is very quick.