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Prepositional Phrases As Adjectives

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words beginning with a preposition and ending with a noun or pronoun. The noun or pronoun at the end of the phrase is called the object of the preposition. Often there are other descriptive words between the preposition and its object.

Sometimes prepositional phrases do the job of an adjective. The prepositional phrase tells us which one.

example: The little boy in the red jacket is my brother, Henry.

In the red jacket is the prepositional phrase. In is the preposition, and jacket is the object. Red describes the jacket. The entire phrase, in the red jacket, tells us which boy.



Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence below. Circle the word it describes.

1. My favorite place to walk is the park across the street.
 2. The wooden bridge over the muddy creek was built last year.
 3. Those trees beside the lake are willows.
 4. The tall evergreens behind the playground are spruce trees.
 5. The robin in the nest is watching her young.
 6. The five frogs on the lily pads are catching dragonflies.
 7. The dragonflies with shimmering wings zip away.
 8. The squirrels with the bushy tails ran past me.
 9. The grass beneath the swings is turning brown.
 10. The park near my house is a special place.
- ❖ **Now try this:** Write your own sentence that has a prepositional phrase used as an adjective. Underline the prepositional phrase. Circle the word it describes.

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Prepositional Phrases As Adverbs

A *prepositional phrase* is a group of words beginning with a preposition and ending with a noun or pronoun. The noun or pronoun at the end of the phrase is called the object of the preposition. Often there are other descriptive words between the preposition and its object.

Sometimes prepositional phrases do the job of an adverb. The prepositional phrase tells us how, when, or where the action takes place.

example: Throw the ball to your little sister.

To your little sister is the prepositional phrase. To is the preposition, and sister is the object. Little describes the sister. The entire phrase, to your little sister, tells us where to throw the ball.



First underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence below. (Each prepositional phrase is used as an adverb to describe how, when, or where an action takes place.) Then circle the verb it describes.

1. I hid my sister's birthday present under my bed.
2. Matthew naps after lunch.
3. The tape stuck to my shirt.
4. I swam with the dolphins.
5. Anna rested beneath the palm tree.
6. The fisherman cast his line into the water.
7. The sky cleared after the storm.
8. Carlos dashed past the goal post.
9. Darius threw the tennis ball over the net.
10. Marla's kitten slept on her bed.

❖ **Now try this:** Write your own sentence that has a prepositional phrase used as an adverb. Underline the prepositional phrase. Circle the verb it describes.
