PREPOSITIONS

A word used to show the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to another word in the sentence is called a preposition. The following words may be used as prepositions. Some may also be used as adverbs or conjunctions.

- at
- about
- above
- after
- against
- along
- among
- around
- before
- behind
- below
- beneath
- by
- concerning
- down
- during
- except
- for
- from
- in
- like
- near
- of
- off
- on
- off
- over
- past
- upon
- up
- with
- without
- to
- toward
- under
- underneath
- until
- with

A group of words beginning with a preposition and ending with a noun or a pronoun is called a prepositional phrase.

- through a ravine
- around the red barn
- before breakfast
- beside the lake
- for you
- between you and me

WHAT TO REMEMBER ABOUT PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

1. A prepositional phrase limits, describes, or in other ways affects some word in the sentence containing it.

   She wore a hat with a red feather.  We came for your advice.

2. The noun or pronoun that completes the prepositional phrase is called the object of the preposition.

   Here is a letter from John.  (noun)  I'll wait for you.  (pronoun)

3. A preposition may have a compound object.

   Were you waiting for Bill and me?

4. Prepositional phrases may be compound:

   Behave at home and in public.