Prepositions

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

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

Prepositional Phrases
A group of words beginning with a preposition and ending with a noun or a pronoun is a prepositional phrase. Examples:

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

Prepositional Phrase Rules

- A prepositional phrase limits, describes, or affects some word in the sentence containing it. Examples:
  - She wore a hat with a red feather.
  - We came for your advice.

- The noun or pronoun that completes the prepositional phrase is called the object of the preposition. Examples:
  - Here is a letter from John. (noun)
  - I’ll wait for you. (pronoun)

Compound Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

- A preposition may have a compound object. Example:
  - Were you waiting for Bill and me?

- Prepositional phrases may be compound. Example:
  - Behave at home and in public.