



Grammar

Subjects, Verbs, Objects Prepositional Phrases

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Subjects, Verbs, Objects and Prepositional Phrases

Most of my high school students don't know what a preposition is. And the truth is that in order to maintain subject-verb agreement, they have to know how to locate the subject and its corresponding verb. In complex sentences, identifying and subsequently disregarding the prepositional phrases is an effective way to help locate the subjects and verbs. This skill is important for writing sophisticated and grammatically correct sentences. This two-page worksheet teaches students how to spot and omit prepositional phrases by first identifying prepositions, and then challenges them to find subjects, verbs, and objects in the leftover "core" of the sentences.

Name _____

Date _____

Prepositional Phrases

The following are prepositions:

to	from	with	without	on top of
by	off	inside	outside	in front of
of	over	next to	among	in back of
at	into	below	beneath	behind
on	across	against	between	near to
in	above	around	through	far from
for	under	along	within	beyond

Prepositions begin **prepositional phrases**.

Directions: Fill in the blanks below.

preposition

prepositional phrases

to

to the river's bank

for

for the children

with

with all good intentions

under

under the shiny bridge

from

through the tunnel

around

behind the barn

without



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Subjects, Verbs, Objects and Prepositional Phrases

Put parentheses () around the **prepositional phrases**:

- 1) George followed her to the ends of the Earth.
- 2) Under the bridge Sara found a giant rat.
- 3) In the beginning of time the Earth was covered by lava.
- 4) He walked from the water tower to the river's edge.
- 5) He walked the streets at night.
- 6) I discovered at the end of the trail a beaver's dam.
- 7) She looked in her new cookbook for the perfect recipe for her brother's birthday dinner.
- 8) From the Midtown Tunnel to the Queens/Long Island border, the Long Island Expressway is completely backed up.
- 9) In the parking lot she explained the basic plot of the movie.
- 10) Over the next ten years I will return all your money.

Now go back and with a dark marker **black out all the prepositional phrases**.

What's left is the "core" of the sentence. This is where you'll find the subjects, verbs, and objects. Go back, **underline the verbs**, and put **S** above the **subjects** and **O** above the **objects**.



Prepositional Phrases – Answer Key

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Prepositions begin **prepositional phrases**.

Directions: Fill in the blanks below.

preposition

to

for

with

under

from

through

between

around

behind

outside

without

prepositional phrases

to the river's bank

for the children

with all good intentions

under the shiny bridge

from the grocery store

through the tunnel

between you and me

around the corner

behind the barn

outside my picture window

without all the bells and whistles

Note: Students can choose any preposition when both columns are blank.



Subjects, Verbs, Objects and Prepositional Phrases— Answer Key

Put parentheses () around the **prepositional phrases**:

- 1) George followed her (to the ends) (of the Earth). S: George, O: her
- 2) (Under the bridge) Sara found a giant rat. S: Sara, O: rat
- 3) (In the beginning) (of time) the Earth was covered (by lava). S: earth
- 4) He walked (from the water tower) (to the river's edge). S: He
- 5) He walked the streets (at night). S: He, O: streets
- 6) I discovered (at the end) (of the trail) a beaver's dam. S: I, O: dam
- 7) She looked (in her new cookbook) (for the perfect recipe) (for her brother's birthday dinner). S: She
- 8) (From the Midtown Tunnel) (to the Queens/Long Island border), the Long Island Expressway is completely backed up. S: Long Island Expressway
- 9) (In the parking lot) she explained the basic plot (of the movie). S: she, O: plot
- 10) (Over the next ten years) I will return all your money. S: I, O: money

Now go back and with a dark marker **black out all the prepositional phrases**.

What's left is the “core” of the sentence, where you'll find the subjects, verbs, and objects. Go back, **underline the verbs**, and put **S** above the subjects and **O** above the **objects**.