

PREPOSITIONS,
CONJUNCTIONS,
AND
INTERJECTIONS

Little
things
mean
a
lot!



A **preposition** is a word that relates a noun or a pronoun to another word in a sentence.

For example:

The boy is **under** the desk.

The boy is **beside** the desk.

The boy is **on** the desk.

The boy is **against** the desk.

The prepositions here are in **boldface**. Notice how these words express a different relationship between the boy and the desk.



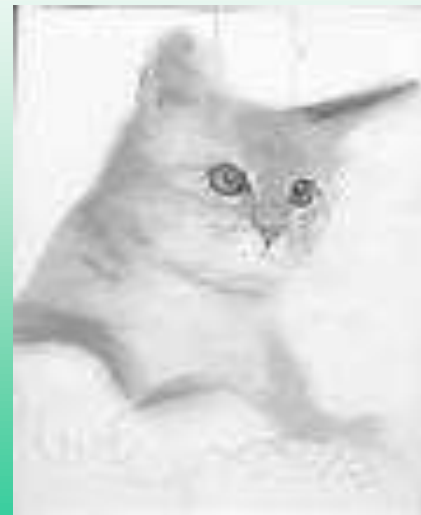
Common Prepositions

about	at	despite	like	to
above	before	down	near	toward
across	behind	during	of	under
after	below	except	off	until
against	beneath	for	on	up
along	beside	from	out	with
among	between	in	over	within
around	beyond	inside	past	without
as	by	into	through	

Here's a preposition trick!

Where can a kitten go?

at by
across
behind toward
over
up near
between
inside around
beside
under among
against



Find the preposition in each sentence.

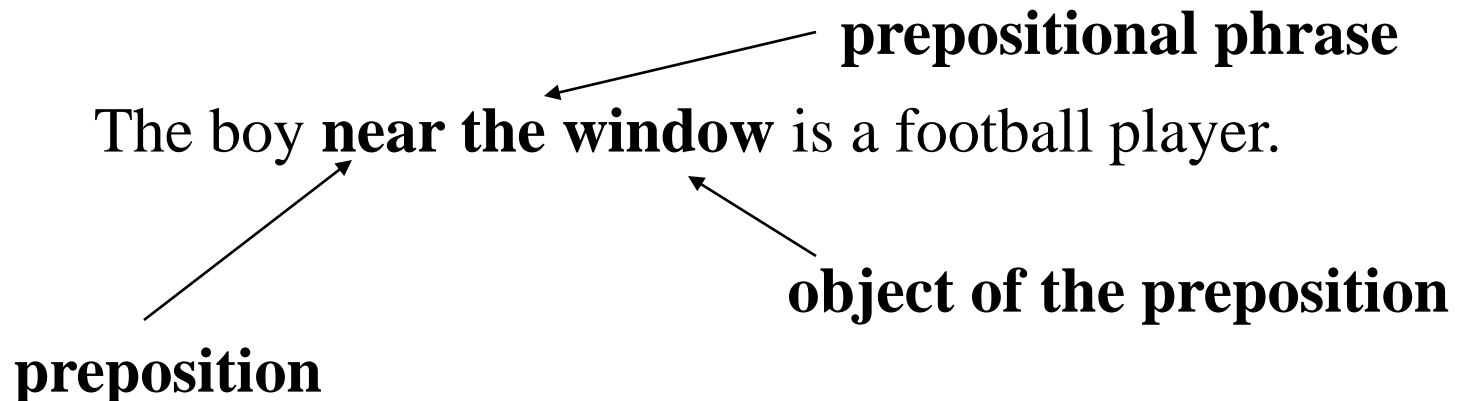
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What is a **prepositional phrase**?

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a **preposition** and ends with a noun or a pronoun, which is called the **object of the preposition**.



Now, go back two slides to the “Answers” slide and identify the entire prepositional phrase in each sentence.

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Prepositions

Part 2

Important Fact

Use **between** when the object of the preposition refers to two people or things, and use **among** when speaking of three or more.

EXAMPLES:

The boy sat **between** two girls.

The teacher sat **among** all the students.

Important Fact #2

Sometimes the same word can be used as a preposition or as an adverb.

If the word has no object, then it is an adverb.

I went **out**.
adverb

I went **out** the door.
preposition

Using Prepositional Phrases

An **adjective prepositional phrase** modifies a noun or a pronoun. It will tell **which one, how many, or what kind of.**

EXAMPLES:

The girl **in the hall** is my friend.

← tells which girl

What kind **of soda** do you like?

← Prepositional phrases beginning with of are almost always adjective phrases.

An **adverb prepositional phrase** modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Like an adverb, a prepositional phrase can tell **where, when, how, why, or to what extent**.

For example:

The dog ran **down the street**.

The dog bit the mailman **until he bled**.

The dog howled **at midnight**.



Part 3

CONJUNCTIONS

....a word used to join words or groups of words.

Coordinating Conjunctions

Correlative Conjunctions

Two types of **CONJUNCTIONS**

Coordinating conjunctions

and but
yet or
for so
nor

Correlative conjunctions

whether...or
both...and
neither...nor
either...or
not only...but also

Coordinating Conjunctions

Allison **and** Samantha have lived in Mexico.

Give your suitcases **and** packages to Ben **or** Ryan.

Tourists shop **or** relax on the beaches.

Brenda shopped every day, **but** we toured the city.

I have my research done, **yet** I haven't practiced.

Correlative Conjunctions

Neither Mark **nor** Aaron speak French.

There are huge buildings in **both** New York **and** Chicago.

His speech was **not only** interesting, **but also** well organized.

Emily would get **either** a red gown **or** a pink gown for the prom.

Part 4

Interjections

An **interjection** is a word or group of words that expresses **emotion**. It has no grammatical connection to other words in a sentence.

Oh

No

Oops

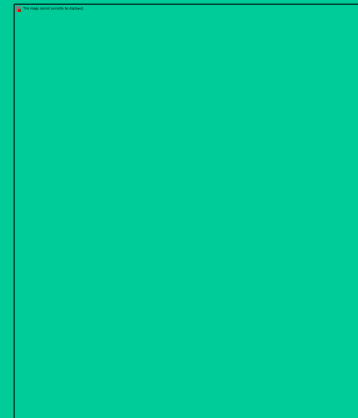
Yes

Great

Horray

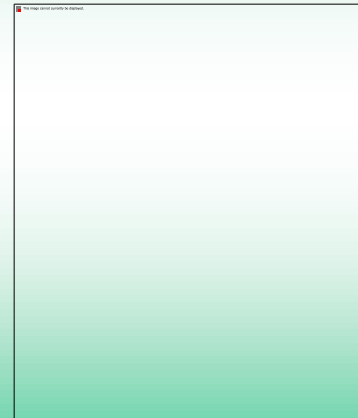
Identify the **interjection** in each sentence.

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3. “Down!” I shouted to the dog.
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Review

A **preposition** is a word that shows a relationship between a noun or pronoun and some other word in the sentence.

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a **preposition** and ends with a noun or a pronoun, which is called the **object of the preposition**.

A **conjunction** is a word used to join words or groups of words.

An **interjection** is a word or phrase used to express emotion.