

Prepositions

At the minimum, a prepositional phrase will begin with a preposition and end with a noun, pronoun, or clause, the "object" of the preposition.

The object of the preposition will often have one or more modifiers to describe it. These are the patterns for a prepositional phrase:

PREPOSITION + NOUN, PRONOUN, OR CLAUSE

PREPOSITION + MODIFIER(S) + NOUN, PRONOUN, OR CLAUSE

A prepositional phrase will function as an adjective or adverb. As an adjective, the prepositional phrase will answer the question *Which one?*

Read these examples:

The book *on the bathroom floor* is swollen from shower steam.

Which book? The one *on the bathroom floor!*

The sweet potatoes *in the vegetable bin* are green with mold.

Which sweet potatoes? The ones forgotten *in the vegetable bin!*

As an adverb, a prepositional phrase will answer questions such as *How?*
When? or *Where?*

Freddy is stiff *from yesterday's long football practice*.

How did Freddy get stiff? *From yesterday's long football practice!*

Before class, Josh begged his friends for a pencil.

When did Josh do his begging? *Before class!*

Common Prepositions

About	During	Toward
Above	Except	Under
Across	For	Underneath
After	From	Until
Against	In	Up
Along	Inside	Upon
Amid	Into	With
Among	Like	Within
Around	Near	Without
At	Of	
Atop	Off	
Before	On	
Behind	Onto	
Below	Out	
Beneath	Outside	
Beside	Over	
Between	Past	
Beyond	Regarding	
But (meaning except)	Since	
By	Through	
Concerning	Throughout	
Down	To	