

THE PREPOSITION

A preposition relates its object to some other word in the sentence. A preposition never appears alone. It is always used a word a group of words called its object.

The bird flew past my window. (Past is a preposition; window is an object.)

After the game, we went home. (After is a preposition; game is its object.)

Here are some frequently used prepositions:

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

Identifying Prepositions and Their Objects. Underline each preposition in the following sentences, and draw an arrow to its object.

Example: Billy lost his wristwatch under the bleachers.

1. My sister drove me to the meeting.
2. No one on the basketball court was hurt.
3. In the library you must be very quiet.
4. Someone in the front row took a picture.
5. I fell off my skateboard onto the rough pavement.
6. During an operation, several nurses assist the surgeon.
7. We drove from Chicago to Las Vegas in two days.
8. With a teacher like Mr. Hardy, I know I have a little homework every night.
9. After my eighteenth birthday, I hope I can buy my own car.
10. The static in these speakers makes the record sound scratchy.
11. Macbeth is read by many students in the twelfth grade.
12. There are many uses for safety goggles in a dental laboratory.
13. The houses on that block are set far back from the street.
14. The exhibit at the museum will interest students of Egyptian history.

15. In a courtroom, the burden of proof is on the plaintiff.
16. A painting by Picasso will increase I value over the years.
17. The frightened kitten crept under the bed and hid from the dog.
18. The burglar fled before the arrival of the police.
19. If you are superstitious, don't walk under a ladder.
20. Theodore Roosevelt led the Rough Riders in the charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War.

Identifying Prepositions and Their Objects. Underline the prepositions in the following sentences. Remember, there are many more prepositions than those listed above.

1. I went to the library for some information on junior colleges.
2. Spring reminds the pessimist of bee stings and rashes from poison ivy.
3. Did you advertise a pair of snow tires for sale?
4. Where will you be ten years from now?
5. In the middle of the night, even familiar noises seem ominous.
6. Could we have won our Revolutionary War without help from the French?
7. At the age of seventeen, Lady Jane Grey ruled England for nine days.
8. After a day on the ski slopes, we enjoyed relaxing inside by the fire.
9. Inside the cave, Aladdin found the magic lamp.
10. That dog looks like a cross between a poodle and a cocker spaniel.
11. Our bodies secrete adrenaline when we are under stress.
12. Alewives are very sensitive to changes in water temperature.
13. Beyond a doubt, Ralph will be elected class president by a wide margin.
14. Despite widespread prejudice against women in medicine, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first female physician in the United States in 1849.
15. Under the pile of newspapers lay my lost book report.
16. Fourteen-karat gold is considered "solid gold" by U.S. standards.
17. Which office will you run for?
18. At the banquet, a sword suspended by a thread was hung above Damocle's head
19. Susan works at the drug store across the street after school.
20. The lost child was found near the river playing among the flowers.