

**THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE (p.75)**

**Enclose each (prepositional phrase) in parentheses.**

**Draw an arrow to the word the prepositional phrase modifies.**

1. The man (in the moon) was an astronaut.
2. A house of cards will usually collapse.
3. The grimy chap under the car was the mechanic.
4. "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." is Napoleon Solo.
5. The stories about Daniel Boone are largely true.
  
6. The teacher sent the list (for summer reading).
7. Renoir painted the women with beautiful complexions.
8. Please eat the food before you.
9. The storm ruined the farm beyond our land.
10. I enjoy desserts like strawberry shortcake.
  
11. The wind whistled (through the haunted house).
12. The little Lotus hummed by the grandstand.
13. Williams hit the ball over the fence.
14. Sam Huff played despite injuries.
15. The miler ran four laps around the track.
  
16. (After the ball) Cinderella hurried home.
17. Into the pool plunged the Olympic diver.
18. Down the sidewalk he slithered.
19. Onto the table sprang the cat.
20. Between the trees we saw the Black Forest.

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**Draw an arrow to the word the prepositional phrase modifies.**

1. Time since that day has dragged for me.
2. Coops off the ground are preferred by chickens.
3. Mermaids underneath the boat could be seen around us.
4. The car upon the curb is certainly within the parking lines.
5. The noise throughout the house apparently came from the attic.
  
6. Toward the dawn a rosy glow of light spread over the sky in all directions.
7. Beyond the border, sounds of a revolution could be heard in the distance.
8. The pieces of rhubarb pie were divided equally among all of the members of the cooking class.
9. Between the twins I can't tell Howard at all.
10. Out of the past come the hoofbeats of the great horse Silver.
  
11. We returned to the house after the game.
12. Put the book on the table.
13. We play football in the fall and soccer in the winter.
14. The cow jumped over the moon.
15. Little Willie fell into the cistern.
  
16. *Animals in Danger* is a book about animals in danger of extinction.
17. He likes frozen ice with syrup on it.
18. Put the new sentences under the phrase section.
19. The train went into the mountain and came out in pieces.
20. The snake sloughed his skin into the slough.

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21. The boys on my team were excited.
22. The man in the helicopter signaled to the men in the raft.
23. The secretary in the office asked the man in the gray flannel suit for his name.
24. The giant man on the after-deck dug his fingers into Huck's shoulder and threw him off the deck and into the water.
25. Go into the hills and drive the Philistines out.
  
26. No one has seen the animal since Tuesday.
27. Bring your ticket to me, and I will save you a seat on the carousel.
28. Boys with special problems in English will be sent to the torture chamber.
29. Into the valley of death rode the six hundred.
30. He leadeth me beside the still waters.
  
31. Beside himself with grief he sat beside his mother.
32. The bandersnatch came burbling through the tulgey wood.
33. At market, at market they bought a fat pig.
34. In England, the king is never off the throne.
35. Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go.
  
36. Like her mother, she liked her father.
37. He was pushed into the revolving door and came out swinging.
38. Clarence was drowned in a butt of sack.
39. In spite of the danger, according to spectators, the fireman ran into the burning building and saved the fair damsel from smoke inhalation.
40. Night after night at the movies can be devastating.

## Answers to odd numbered questions:

### THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE--Section Questions (page 74)

- 1) A preposition is a word used to show the relation of a noun or pronoun to some other word in the sentence.
- 2) A prepositional phrase is a group of words beginning with a preposition and usually ending with an object that is a noun or pronoun. The phrase will also include any words complementing or modifying the object.
- 3) Prepositions include the following: about, above, across, after, against, along, amid, among, around, as, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, besides, between, beyond, but (meaning "except"), by, concerning, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, into, like, near, of, off, on, out, over, past, since, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, until, unto, up, upon, with, within, without.
- 4) "Because of," "instead of," "out of," and "according to" are pairs of words that may be used as prepositions.
- 5) "In spite of," "in front of," "in lieu of," and "on account of" are examples of when three words may be used as a single preposition.
- 6) A prepositional phrase will be used as an adverbial modifier or as an adjectival modifier. Occasionally, prepositional phrases may also be used as nouns.  
ex. After lunch will be too late. [prepositional phrase used as the subject]

### THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE--Sample Exercises (page 75)

- 1) (in the moon) adjective modifying "man"
- 2) (of cards) adjective modifying "house"
- 3) (under the car) adjective modifying "chap"
- 4) (from U.N.C.L.E.) adjective modifying "Man"
- 5) (about Daniel Boone) adjective modifying "stories"
- 6) (for summer reading) adjective modifying "list"
- 7) (with beautiful complexions) adjective modifying "women"
- 8) (before you) adjective modifying "food"
- 9) (beyond our land) adjective modifying "farm"
- 10) (like strawberry shortcake) adjective modifying "desserts"
- 11) (through the haunted house) adverb modifying "whistled"
- 12) (by the grandstand) adverb modifying "hummed"
- 13) (over the fence) adverb modifying "hit"
- 14) (despite injuries) adverb modifying "played"
- 15) (around the track) adverb modifying "ran"
- 16) (After the ball) adverb modifying "hurried"
- 17) (Into the pool) adverb modifying "plunged"
- 18) (Down the sidewalk) adverb modifying "slithered"
- 19) (Onto the table) adverb modifying "sprang"
- 20) (Between the trees) adverb modifying "saw"

### THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE--Exercises (pages 76-77)

- 1) (since that day) adjective modifying "Time"; (for me) adverb modifying "has dragged"
- 3) (underneath the boat) adjective modifying "Mermaids"; (around us) adverb modifying "could be seen"
- 5) (throughout the house) adjective modifying "noise"; (from the attic) adverb modifying "came"
- 7) (Beyond the border) adverb modifying "could be heard"; (of a revolution) adjective modifying "sounds"; (in the distance) adverb modifying "could be heard"
- 9) (Between the twins) adverb modifying "can...tell"; (at all) adverb modifying "can...tell"
- 11) (to the house) adverb modifying "returned"; (after the game) adverb modifying "returned"
- 13) (in the fall) adverb modifying "play"; (in the winter) adverb modifying "play"
- 15) (into the cistern) adverb modifying "fell"
- 17) (with syrup (on it)) the first is an adjective modifying "ice"; the second is an adjective modifying "syrup"
- 19) (into the mountain) adverb modifying "went"; (in pieces) adverb modifying "came"
- 21) (on my team) adjective modifying "boys"
- 23) (in the office) adjective modifying "secretary"; (in the gray flannel suit) adjective modifying "man"; (for his name) adverb modifying "asked"
- 25) (into the hills) adverb modifying "Go"
- 27) (to me) adverb modifying "Bring"; (on the carousel) adjective modifying "seat"

- 29) (Into the valley (of death)) the first is an adverb modifying “rode”; the second is an adjective modifying “valley”
- 31) (Beside himself) adverb modifying “sat”; (with grief) adverb modifying “sat”; (beside his mother) adverb modifying “sat”
- 33) (At market) adverb modifying “bought”; (at market) adverb modifying “bought”
- 35) (Over the river) (through the woods) (to Grandmother’s house) all three are adverbs modifying “go”
- 37) (into the revolving door) adverb modifying “was pushed”
- 39) (In spite of the danger), (according to spectators), and (into the burning building) are adverbs modifying “ran”; (from smoke inhalation) adverb modifying “saved”