

# LEARNING ABOUT PREPOSITIONS AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES



**Prepositions** are words that express relationships between words. When **prepositions** are combined with other words in a phrase, these are called **prepositional phrases**.

There are many prepositions. The list below is some of the most commonly used prepositions.

at	in	on	to	into
of	with	after	by	from
for	up	behind	between	above
around	off	over	under	near
down	before	except	toward	about

Read each of the sentences below. Circle the preposition in each of the sentences. The first one has been done for you.

1. Mom is at the grocery store.
2. The students are in the gymnasium.
3. I tied the ribbon around the tree.
4. The cat is behind the chair.
5. Please hang your coat on the rack.

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Use the prepositions in the text box below to complete the sentences. Make sure to read the sentences carefully. They must make sense when you read them.

<b>between</b>	<b>off</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>on</b>
<b>at</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>around</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>for</b>

1. The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the cat.
2. I sit \_\_\_\_\_ Amber and Jessie.
3. May we go \_\_\_\_\_ the store?
4. I must clean my room \_\_\_\_\_ I can go outside.
5. I will ask Mom \_\_\_\_\_ going swimming.
6. My brother fell \_\_\_\_\_ the trampoline.
7. We planted the flowers \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.
8. Please put the plates \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
9. I am late \_\_\_\_\_ my music lesson.
10. Dad is still \_\_\_\_\_ his office.

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Find the prepositions.

b e t w e e n a r o u n d i n  
 v y d f r x o d f o j w h w t  
 w q f o o t c b v t a h o m r  
 k o f r z b d e u r e d n u q  
 b e h i n d r n p u g r s d h  
 b a t l h p k g x t b c q p d  
 g a i n v d w n b o j f r g z  
 p a w u m q v w w w h n k b n  
 v a b n o e l d r a s m m b b  
 m o b d i v i b r r v z f z r  
 g f x p i v l z o d q w t x v

after	behind	except	off	toward
around	between	for	on	under
at	by	in	over	up
before	down	of	to	with

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A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition. The prepositional phrase shows a relationship or connects a thought to another part of the sentence.

**Example 1:** Mike took the book to his Aunt Jane.  
to his Aunt Jane is a prepositional phrase.

**Example 2:** Missy lives down the street.  
down the street is a prepositional phrase.

Read each of the following sentences. Underline the prepositional phrase.

1. Sheryl went to the movies.
2. Layla is shopping with Claire.
3. Ansley has stains on her new dress.
4. Jim and Brent live in the city.
5. Susan lives between Betsy and Leigh.
6. We can visit our cousins after the holidays.
7. The cat is asleep on the blue chair.
8. May I go over to Beth's house?
9. This birthday gift is for Amy.
10. We jogged around the track.

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Circle the preposition and underline the prepositional phrase in each of the following sentences.

1. Suzy read the book to her brother.
2. Taylor ran across the street.
3. I put your red shoes in the closet.
4. The bowls are on the second shelf.
5. Larry lives near the playground.
6. We walked by the school this weekend.
7. The bird flew over the tree.
8. Gary rode his bike down the road.
9. We walked slowly up the stairs.
10. The squirrel is in the nest.
11. Put your games under the bed.
12. Sara is hiding behind the door.

Answers to Learning About Prepositions  
and Prepositional Phrases

Page 1: The following words should be circled:

1. at
2. in
3. around
4. behind
5. on

Page 2:

1. after
2. between
3. to
4. before
5. about
6. off
7. around
8. on
9. for
10. at

Page 3: No answers needed

Page 4: The following should be underlined:

1. to the movies
2. with Claire
3. on her new dress
4. in the city
5. between Betsy and Leigh
6. after the holidays
7. on the blue chair
8. to Beth's house
9. for Amy
10. around the track

Page 5:

	Circled:	Underlined:
1.	to	to her brother
2.	across	across the street
3.	in	in the closet
4.	on	on the second shelf
5.	near	near the playground
6.	by	by the school
7.	over	over the tree
8.	down	down the street
9.	up	up the stairs
10.	in	in the nest
11.	under	under the bed
12.	behind	behind the door