

Lesson 30

Combining Sentences With Phrases

STUDENT OBJECTIVES

- Recognize prepositions and prepositional phrases.
- Combine sentences using prepositional phrases.

Writing Tip

When you combine sentences using a prepositional phrase, you may change the order of the two sentences you are combining. You may also add or delete words to make your idea clear.

Teach/Model

Too many short sentences can make writing seem choppy and repetitive. One way to combine two short sentences is by changing one into a prepositional phrase.

- Define **preposition**. *A preposition is a word that shows the relation of a noun or pronoun to something else in the sentence.* Give examples of prepositions, such as *at, with, for, in, on, to, under.*
- Define **prepositional phrase**. *A prepositional phrase is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun.* Give examples of prepositional phrases, such as *with Alicia, on the floor, from Gary and me, in your wallet, to her.*
- Write the examples below on the board. Use the modeling to guide students in combining sentences by using prepositional phrases.

Example	Model/Think Aloud
<p>Correct: Jamal works every afternoon. Jamal works at his father's store.</p> <p>Improved: Jamal works every day at his father's store.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Jamal works at his father's store every day.</p>	<p><i>These two sentences are grammatically correct, but they are repetitive. The words Jamal and works are used twice. To fix this, look for new information in the second sentence: at his father's store. Add that phrase to the first sentence</i></p>
<p>Correct: Jamal stocks the shelves. He puts canned goods on the shelves.</p> <p>Improved: Jamal stocks the shelves with canned goods.</p>	<p><i>These sentences are also repetitive. The shelves is used in both sentences. Use the prepositional phrase with canned goods to combine these sentences. You'll need to change the preposition to with.</i></p>
<p>Correct: Jamal starts work at 3:30. He works until 5:30.</p> <p>Improved: Jamal works from 3:30 until 5:30.</p>	<p><i>Use prepositional phrases to combine these two sentences. One preposition was changed to from, but the idea stays the same.</i></p>

Guided Practice/Apply

Write each pair of sentences on the board. Call on students to combine each pair into one sentence using a prepositional phrase. Have them identify the prepositional phrase. Remind students that there may be more than one correct combination.

1. Marianne cooks dinner. She cooks for her grandmother.
(Marianne cooks dinner for her grandmother.)
2. My little brother has homework. Sometimes I help him.
(Sometimes I help my little brother with his homework.)
3. I got these new red shoes. Aunt Jacki gave me these shoes.
(I got these new red shoes from Aunt Jacki.)

Assign **Practice, page 213**. Have students check their recent writing for sentences that could be combined using prepositional phrases.

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5. Lisa knows all about dolphins. She learns from her books on ocean life.

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