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Prepositional Phrases

A **prepositional phrase** is made up of a preposition, its object, and any words that are between them.

I play baseball **with my friends**.

We travel **to many different cities**.

Yesterday we played **on a grassy field**.

The **object of the preposition** is the noun or the pronoun that follows the preposition.

The pronoun is always an object pronoun, not a subject pronoun.

My brother plays **on a minor league team**.

He sometimes practices **with my friends and me**.

We often practice **during the week**.

A prepositional phrase can be at the beginning, the middle, or the end of a sentence.

On the first day, Tommy was late.

The team **with the best record** is ahead.

The coach talked **to the reporters**.



1 Show What You Know

Read the sentences. Circle each prepositional phrase.

During the summer, I became a sportswriter for our local newspaper. I covered the Little League sports teams outside the local area. The players on each team signed up individually. Most of them knew each other. They often played without fancy equipment. I learned a lot from them. The reporters at the paper loved my stories. They offered me an after-school job for this fall.

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2 Take It Up a Notch

Read the sentences. Write a preposition on the line to complete each prepositional phrase.


I wrote a screenplay _____ a sports team. I based my idea _____ my friends who are athletes. I entered the screenplay _____ a writing contest. The contest's first prize is a job _____ TV. The job will take place _____ the summer. My English teacher read my screenplay _____ beginning to end, and she thought it was good. I revised it and mailed it _____ the deadline. Only my closest friends know anything _____ the contest. I hope to hear _____ the judges soon. I wonder what it would be like to be _____ TV?




Proofreading Power!


Proofread the paragraph below. Find eight mistakes and correct them, using proofreader's marks.


Today was the championship game down the Little League title. The game was tied below one inning of play. Shortstop Benjy Hamm made a spectacular play during his position. The runner left the base before the pitch, which a was mistake. First baseman Sean O'Keeffe threw with second base. The runner never got without the base. The game was won for the fifth inning, when Corey Greene struck out three batters in a row. The Tigers knew they had lost through that time.


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