

# Prepositional Phrases

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1. For each prepositional phrase choose from the box a word that has a similar meaning.

carefully

quickly

blind

hilly

bald

now

a. without sight \_\_\_\_\_

b. without hair \_\_\_\_\_

c. at this moment \_\_\_\_\_

d. at a great rate \_\_\_\_\_

e. with great care \_\_\_\_\_

f. with plenty of hills \_\_\_\_\_

2. Draw lines to link the prepositional phrases that have opposite meanings.

a. inside the house

in a rude manner

b. in the front

up the stairs

c. in the morning

at night

d. down the steps

at the back

e. in a polite way

outside the house

f. above the ground

beneath the soil

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1. Choose the best prepositional phrase from the box to complete each sentence.

at the supermarket  
into the pool

before dinner  
across the sky

in the cage  
with long, black hair

- a. Sally put the bird back \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The young girl \_\_\_\_\_ is my cousin.
- c. I washed my hands \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. The large jet roared \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. We bought some milk \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Max dived from the board \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Underline the prepositional phrases in these sentences.

- a. The rabbit dived into its burrow.
- b. The monkey climbed up the tree.
- c. We left camp before sunrise.
- d. The car sped along the road.
- e. There are many mushrooms under the tree.
- f. The man with sunglasses is a film star.



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**A phrase is a group of words without a subject or verb. Some prepositional phrases do the work of an adverb. They may tell *how, when, or where* an action happens.**

1. Look at each underlined phrase. Write *how* if it tells how an action happens, *when* if it tells when an action happens, or *where* if it tells where an action happens.

a. We will leave before dark.

\_\_\_\_\_

b. We walked through the long grass.

\_\_\_\_\_

c. The teacher spoke with great care.

\_\_\_\_\_

d. I can jump over that fence.

\_\_\_\_\_

e. I play baseball during the week.

\_\_\_\_\_

f. Sally put the box on the table.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Write a sentence of your own using each prepositional phrase as an adverb.

a. just before sunset

\_\_\_\_\_

b. near the school

\_\_\_\_\_

c. on his front lawn

\_\_\_\_\_

d. until ten o'clock

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