

THE PREPOSITION

A preposition relates its object to some other word in a sentence. A preposition never appears alone. It is always used with a word or word group of word called its object.

The car stalled *on* the *bridge*.

preposition: on

object: bridge

Your ticket is *in* this *envelope*.

preposition: in

object: envelope

Here are some frequently used prepositions:

at	before	by	since	off
about	behind	concerning	through in	over
above	down	to	like	on
after	beneath	during	toward	near
against	beside	except	under	of
along	between	for	underneath	with
among	beyond	from	until	up
around	without	upon	past	

Identifying Prepositions and Their Objects.

Underline each preposition in the following sentence, and draw an arrow to its object. Remember, there are many more prepositions than those listed above.

Example: *John found his baseball glove under the apple tree.*

1. Turn at the first light.
2. Can you come to my house after school?
3. They fought gallantly against the foe.
4. My father always takes a nap after dinner.
5. This is a painting by an unknown artist.
6. Bob watched the performance through a peephole.
7. The wise old owl sat in the oak tree.
8. Near the lake, the weather is always cooler.
9. The man in the blue suit is a car salesman.
10. For six years that house has been empty.
11. My grandfather tells fascinating stories about his years in the Navy.

12. Gordon crept cautiously up the wall, then peered below.
13. The sunken galleon now rests at the bottom of the sea.
14. My cat sleeps during the day, then prowls at night.
15. Before the game, the officials explained the rules.
16. The water leaked through the dam and spread across the fields.
17. Mother treated her fragile china with great care.
18. I come from Alabama with a banjo on my knee.
19. The manuscript was hidden among a stack of papers.
20. I found a wallet without any identification in it.
21. It rained hard during the night.
22. The boy climbed carefully up the tree.
23. Mary and Betty were the best golfers on the team.
24. I'd like a red jacket like yours.
25. Our basketball team will play against yours tonight.
26. They lived in Wisconsin across the state line.
27. The gift was placed inside a beautifully decorated box.
28. For six summers I've vacationed in Colorado.
29. What is the name of your favorite book?
30. The dome above our heads looked like the sky.
31. If you sit near me, you may catch my cold.
32. Have you seen the new exhibit in the Field Museum?
33. They live down the street from us.
34. Put the camera on the table.
35. The boxer fell outside the ring.
36. She waited through the long night at the hospital.
37. Don't go without your briefcase.
38. Phil jumped from the porch onto the grass below.
39. We've lived behind the store for ten years.
40. Everyone except Sue took the test.