

Lessons to Learn

Introductory Prepositional Phrases

The order of the lesson is: **Review It, Practice It, Learn It, and Analyze It.**

Review It: Sing/chant and review definitions as a class. Have the students whisper or shout their singing/chanting.

Review It

Answer the following questions:

What do prepositions do in a sentence?

What are prepositions?

What is a phrase?

What is an object of the preposition?

Can you think of a sentence with a prepositional phrase following the verb?

Can you rearrange that sentence and make the prepositional phrase introductory?

Practice It: For this warm-up, see Well-Ordered Notes C.

Learn It: Write the sentences on the board and complete them together. Answers may vary. Ask the students how each phrase is related to each verb, either answering the question *where* or *when*.

Learn It

Keep in mind that introductory prepositional phrases are adverbial, so they tell *where* or *when* (and sometimes *how*) the action in the sentence is happening. Fill in the missing preposition in each of the following sentences.

Example: Beside the river, they collect rocks.

1. Near a cave, Dad found an arrowhead.

2. At the little waterfall, Mom took pictures.

3. Under a rock, Peggy found a crayfish.

4. Beneath the red cliffs, Theo saw a bumpy toad.

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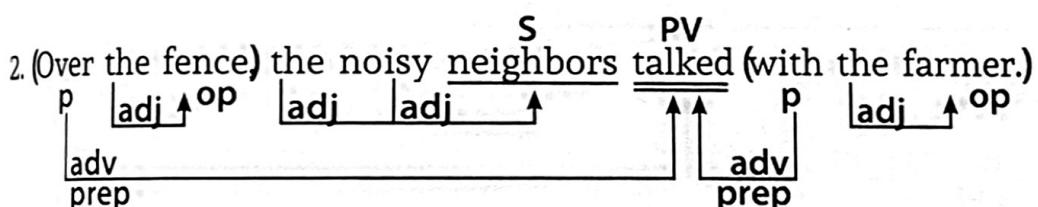
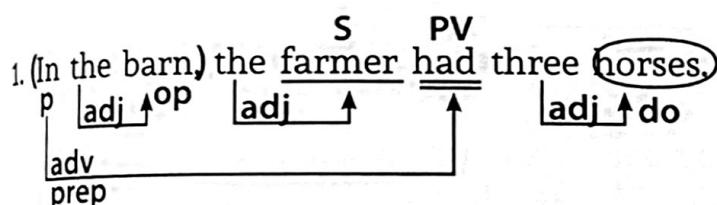
5. Within several pools, the tadpoles swam.

6. After lunch, the family drove to the beach.

Analyze It

Analyze the following sentences (S = subject; PV = predicate verb; hv = helping verb; adv = adverb; adj = adjective; do = direct object; p = preposition; op = object of the preposition; prep = prepositional phrase).

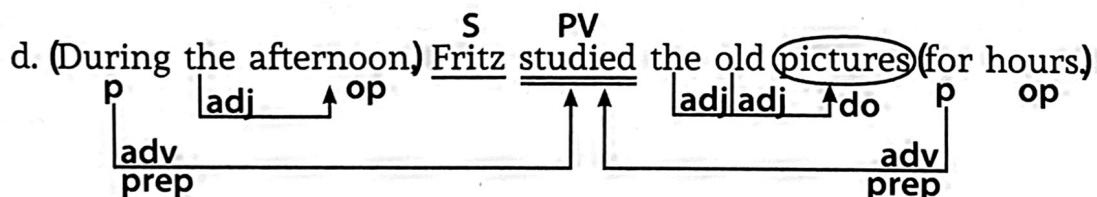
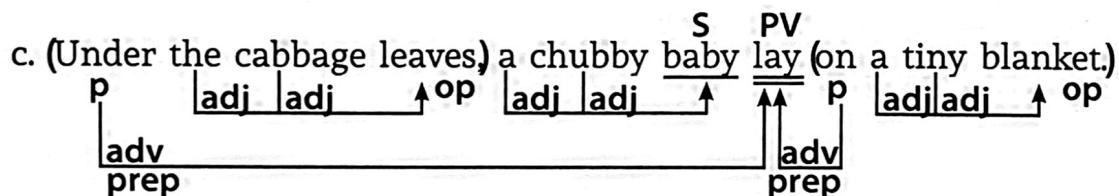
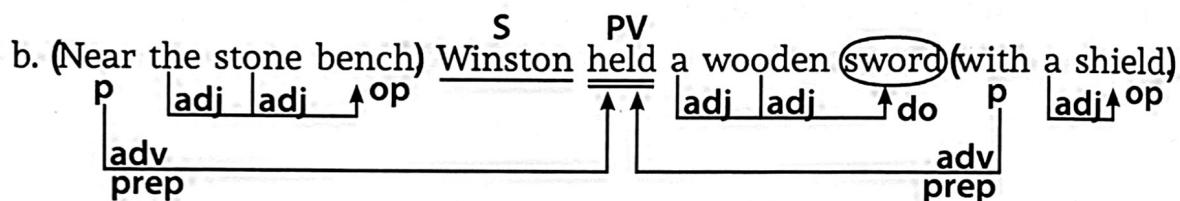
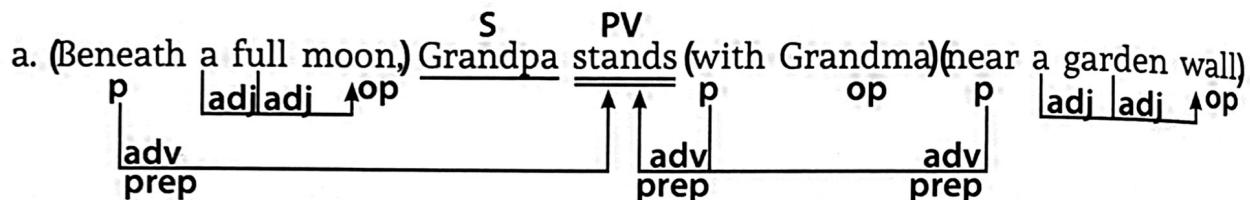
Analyze It: This is the essential part of the lesson. See Well-Ordered Notes C.



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1. Analyze the following sentences (*S* = subject; *PV* = predicate verb; *hv* = helping verb; *adv* = adverb; *adj* = adjective; *do* = direct object; *p* = preposition; *op* = object of the preposition; *prep* = prepositional phrase).



2. What is an *object of the preposition*?

An object of the preposition is the noun or pronoun after the preposition.

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3. Imagine Fritz finding a jellybean jar and knocking it over in the kitchen. With that in mind, complete the phrase for each preposition listed, and then write a sentence that includes the phrase.

a. on _____ **the kitchen floor**

Sentence: On the kitchen floor, hundreds of jellybeans rolled.

b. with _____ **with a broom**

Sentence: With a broom, Fritz swept all the jellybeans into a dustpan.



Review It

Review It: Sing/chant and review definitions as a class.

Answer the following review questions:

What is a preposition?

What is an object of the preposition?

What is a phrase?

Can you list all forty-seven prepositions that you've learned?

Learn It

Learn It: If, during the game of Lightning, a student can't come up with an answer in five seconds, pass him and circle around later to get his response.

Play Lightning. Your teacher will say a preposition to a student and ask that student to construct a sentence. The sentence must include the preposition in a phrase placed where the teacher says, either at the beginning of the sentence or after the verb. The student has five seconds to supply a complete sentence that includes the correct form. Then the game moves on to the next student.

Example:

Teacher: "Between—introductory."

Student 1: "Between you and me, I think spring will be here soon."

Teacher: "Since—after the verb."

Student 2: "I have been here *since* Friday."

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against	along	among	around	at
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except	for	from	inside	in
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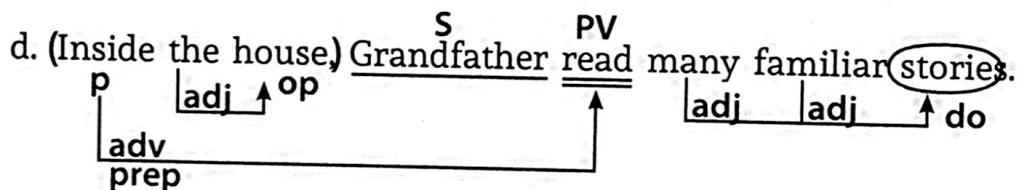
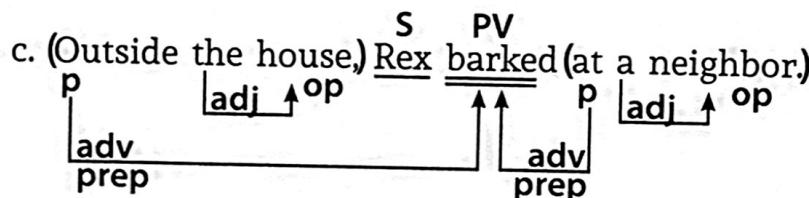
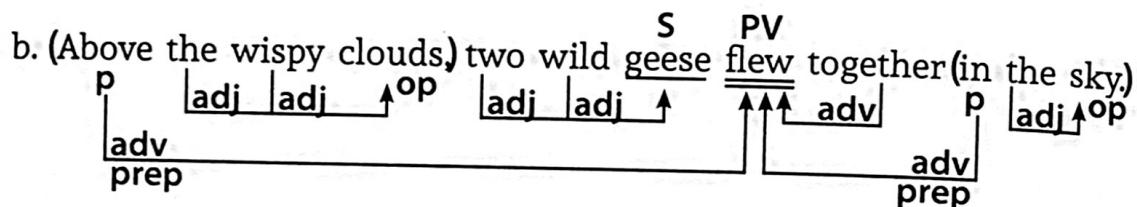
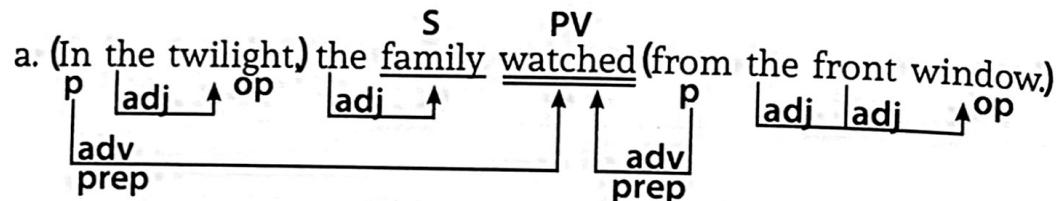
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On the lines provided, write your favorite sentence that was created during the game of Lightning.

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2. What is a *preposition*?

A preposition is a part of speech used to show the relationship between certain words in a sentence.

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3. Imagine Peggy and Lucy are listening to Grandpa read. With that in mind, complete the phrase for each preposition listed, and then write a sentence that includes the phrase.

a. During the stories

Sentence: During the stories, Lucy snuggled on the coach.

b. After the tales

Sentence: After the tales, Grandpa carried Lucy up the stairs.

