

aboard	before	down	off	till
about	behind	during	on	to
above	below	except	onto	toward
across	beneath	for	opposite	under
after	beside	from	out	underneath
against	besides	in	outside	until
along	between	inside	over	up
among	beyond	into	past	upon
around	but (except)	like	since	with
as	by	near	through	within
at	despite	of	throughout	without

Common Compound Prepositions

according to	by means of	instead of
ahead of	in addition to	in view of
apart from	in back of	next to
as of	in front of	on account of
aside from	in place of	out of
because of	in spite of	prior to

EXERCISE 1 Supplying Prepositions

Number your paper 1 to 10. Then write two prepositions that could fill each blank in the following sentences.

- The bushes _____ the house need trimming.
- Frank should go _____ the store.
- The package _____ the chair is mine.
- We cannot go _____ the storm.
- Ken hid _____ the boat.
- Gloria will attend the meeting _____ Howard.
- The ball rolled _____ the street.
- Janet walked _____ the water.
- Carl sat _____ Marcy at the game.
- The plane flew _____ the storm clouds.

EXERCISE 2 Finding Prepositional Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 10. Then write the prepositional phrases in the following paragraph.

In 1859, Charles Blondin walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. He was high above the water. Later he crossed with a blindfold over his eyes. Then he crossed on stilts. Finally he really amazed everyone. Halfway across the falls, he stopped for breakfast. He cooked some eggs, ate them, and continued to the other side.

EXERCISE 3 Finding Adjective Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 20. Write each adjective phrase. Then beside each phrase, write the word it modifies. Some sentences have more than one adjective phrase.

EXAMPLE The preserves in that jar are homemade.
ANSWER in that jar—preserves

- The radio in the kitchen doesn't work.
- The last 20 minutes of the movie at Cinema I were dull.
- None of the Pilgrims on the *Mayflower* had a middle name.
- The captain of the debating team met the principal.
- A tablespoon of butter contains 100 calories.
- The article about animals without a home was sad.
- Edgar Allan Poe is regarded as the father of the detective story.
- The little boat with the two masts is a yawl.
- The pot of soup on the stove should be removed.
- The car in front of the school is illegally parked.
- One of my brothers joined the varsity tennis team at the high school.
- He accidentally dropped the last carton of milk.
- I took a picture of my grandparents from Utah.
- Twenty-six species of insects have become extinct.
- Parrots usually have a vocabulary of only 20 words.
- I need the box of nails in the top drawer.
- The wettest city in the United States is Miami, Florida.
- The tallest species of tree in the world is a kind of eucalyptus.
- Some of these trees reach a height of almost 400 feet.
- Each human being has a total of 46 chromosomes.

EXERCISE ◆ *Finding Adverb Phrases*

Number your paper 1 to 15. Write each adverb phrase. Then beside each phrase, write the word or words it modifies. Some sentences have more than one adverb phrase.

1. Hockey pucks are kept in a refrigerator before a game.
2. A blue whale may weigh 5,000 pounds at birth.
3. Since Wednesday we have been rehearsing the play.
4. The band performed on the field during halftime.
5. A small boy on the riverbank fished for trout.
6. During the winter a person cannot catch a cold at the North Pole.
7. I am very happy about your promotion.
8. A bird sees everything at once in total focus.
9. During the marathon we sat on the curbstone.
10. Some lizards can run on their hind legs.
11. Within the week give your report to Mr. Robertson.
12. The Mexican hedgehog cactus can live five years without any water.
13. On Thursday Pedro's photograph will appear in the local paper.
14. At certain times snow falls in the Sahara.
15. After English class I went to the cafeteria with Sue and Maynard.

EXERCISE ◆ *Cumulative Review*

Number your paper 1 to 20. Write each prepositional phrase. Then label each one *adjective* or *adverb*.

1. The Braille family lived in a village near Paris, France, in the early 1800's.
2. As a young boy, Louis Braille played in his father's leather shop.
3. On one fateful afternoon, young Louis was playing with an awl.
4. His father made holes in leather with this sharp tool.
5. Without any warning the awl accidentally went into Louis's left eye.
6. After several days an infection in his injured eye spread to his good eye.
7. Because of the accident, Louis became totally blind.
8. Louis later entered the school in his neighborhood.
9. He could listen to his teacher's words, but he couldn't learn from books.
10. At ten he entered a school for the blind in Paris.
11. Children at that school were reading from special books.
12. Letters of the alphabet were pressed into thick, heavy paper.
13. This pressing created raised outlines on the other side of the paper.
14. The students would feel the outlines with their fingers, and they could read.
15. All the books were extremely large and heavy because of the huge letters.
16. One day a retired army captain came to the school with a secret code.
17. His system of dots and dashes ultimately proved too difficult for everyone.
18. By the age of fifteen, Braille developed a new system of only dots.
19. Now on the door of Braille's home appears a tribute to his accomplishments.
20. The tribute reads, "He opened the doors of knowledge to so many."