

IDENTIFYING PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

A **preposition** is a word that comes before a noun or pronoun. That noun or pronoun is called the **object of the preposition**. A preposition connects the object to the rest of the sentence. A **prepositional phrase** consists of a preposition, its object, and any words that modify the object.

Remember that a preposition is a part of speech that shows a spatial, temporal, or logical relationship between two things. Some common prepositions include *about, after, before, between, during, except, for, from, in, since, through, until, with, and without*.

Part 1

Directions: Underline the prepositional phrase(s) in each sentence.

- 1 We spent the peaceful morning hours pruning plants in the garden.
- 2 After the chess tournament, Beth proudly placed her trophy on the mantle.
- 3 During this introductory cooking class, you will learn how to cook simple meals with confidence.
- 4 The festive coffee mugs can be found by the water glasses on the middle shelf.
- 5 The celebrated African American author Maya Angelou wrote about her life to push for civil rights.
- 6 Please sit in a circle and introduce yourself to the people around you.
- 7 Margaux looked through the available presentation options and turned her project into a curated video.
- 8 Stan Lee, a famous comic book writer, served in the army during World War II.



Part 2

Directions: Write your own prepositional phrase(s) to complete each sentence. **Sample answers**

- 9 My favorite movie is set in the mountains of Austria during the early 20th century.
- 10 Tell me a story about a funny experience with your friends.
- 11 The balloon drifted through the clouds on a brisk autumn afternoon.
- 12 Please put the fresh fruit into the basket on the counter.