

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.