THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

- 1. A <u>phrase</u> is a group of words without a subject and verb, used as one part of speech. (There are several types of phrases including the verb phrase, noun phrase, and prepositional phrase.)
- 2. The prepositional phrase consists of the <u>preposition</u>, its <u>object</u>, and <u>modifiers</u> of the object. The <u>object</u> of the preposition is always a <u>noun</u>, <u>pronoun</u>, or a group of words used as a noun.

To find the object of the preposition, first say the preposition, then ask, "Whom or what?"

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The coin fell (between the cracks.)

<u>Between</u> is the preposition in the above sentence. To find the object of the preposition ask "Between what?" The noun "cracks" answers the question, so it is the object of the preposition.

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