

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:

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| 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.