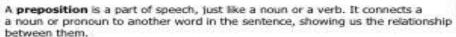
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What is a Preposition?





Prepositions usually answer the questions or . They often tell the location of a person or an object in time or space. This information is given as a group of words, rather than a single word. We call that group of words a prepositional phrase.

The prepositional phrase in the sentence below, **over the rainbow**, begins with the preposition **over**. The prepositional phrase connects the bird and the rainbow, telling us **where** the bird flew in relationship to the rainbow. The bird flew **over**, or above, the rainbow. It may help you to remember that the word pre**position** contains the word **position**.

Example: The bird flew over the rainbow.

The prepositional phrase in the sentence below, **during class**, begins with the preposition **during.** The prepositional phrase connects the girls to the class, telling us **when** the girls were talking.

Example: The noisy girls were talking during class.

Read each of the sentences below. Underline the prepositional phrase and circle the preposition.

- 1. The brave knight carried the beautiful princess(through)the castle door.
- 2. Our terrified pet monkey disappeared under the bed.
- 3. The tiny crab and his larger friend scurried across the hot sand.
- 4. Andrew sat near his sister.
- 5. Inside the dishwasher, the fragile glasses rattled noisily.
- 6. There were so many people that Jessica had to park her car behind the building.
- 7. My mom's umbrella fell between the door and the bookshelf.
- 8. Rachel watched television until midnight.