

VI Underline the prepositional phrase and circle the preposition.

- The game was cancelled because of the rain.
- Up the river chugged the motorboat.
- The children at the beach built sand castles.

VII Underline the prepositional phrase and circle the object of the preposition.

- Aunt Gladys sent a birthday card to me.
- The cows in the meadow grazed calmly.
- In spite of the rain the game continued.

VIII Identify the underlined words as prepositions or adverbs.

- The boy fell down. adverb
- Down the hill the boys tumbled. preposition
- They wandered around the garden. preposition
- They wandered around aimlessly. adverb

IX Underline the prepositional phrase and state whether it is an adjective phrase or an adverb phrase.

- The boxes were stacked in the basement. adverb
- The trees in the forest grew tall and straight. adjective
- We entertained the residents of the nursing home. adjective
- At midnight the church bells rang. adverb

X Underline the noun phrases and state whether they are prepositional, infinitive, or gerund phrases.

- Baking pies is her specialty. gerund
- He plans to study economics. infinitive
- By the river is shady and cool. prepositional
- The band prefers playing marches. gerund