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Hercules' Quest
 Grammar: Prepositions and
 Prepositional Phrases

Prepositional Phrases

A **prepositional phrase** begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or a pronoun. Both these words and all of the words in between them make up the prepositional phrase.

prepositional phrase

The girls have been best friends for a long time.

At school, they join many of the same clubs.

Thinking Question

What phrase begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun?

1– 6. In each sentence below, underline the preposition. Write the prepositional phrase.

1. Myths say that Hercules once lived among ordinary humans.

2. Zeus watched Hercules from Mount Olympus.

3. Hercules completed impossible challenges on Earth.

4. Hercules only laughed at the dangerous tasks.

5. He showed that he was kind and helpful during his stay.

6. After his successes, Hercules could go home.

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Prepositional Phrases to Provide Details

A prepositional phrase can also provide details to help describe a noun. The noun it helps describe is not part of the prepositional phrase.

noun described **preposition**

Our school play this year is about a female athlete.

Thinking Questions

What is the prepositional phrase in the sentence?

What details does it give about the sentence?

1–6. Look at the underlined preposition. Write a detail on the lines below to complete each sentence. Then circle the noun being described.

1. "Hercules' Quest" is a story about _____ .
2. It is a myth retold by _____ .
3. People of _____ enjoy myths and tales.
4. In Greek myths, Zeus rules from his kingdom on _____ .
5. We will be writing our own tales for _____ .
6. I will write a myth about _____ .

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Sentence Fragments and Run-On Sentences

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 Grammar: Spiral Review

A sentence expresses a complete thought. It has a subject (the who or what) and a predicate (what the subject does or is). A sentence fragment lacks a subject or a predicate.

Complete sentence	Subject Predicate <u>The goddess Hera</u> <u>did not like baby Hercules.</u>
Sentence fragments	<u>Many dangerous enemies.</u> <u>Lived in the kingdom.</u>
Run-on sentence	<u>Hercules fought a lion,</u> later <u>he killed the hydra.</u>
To correct a sentence fragment, add the missing subject or predicate. One way to correct a run-on sentence is to put a period between the two sentences. Capitalize the first word in the second sentence.	

1–5. Write *fragment* or *run-on* beside each group of words.

Correct the sentence error on the line. Use periods and capital letters correctly.

- Had to gather golden apples for the king. _____

- A dragon guarded these apples it never slept. _____

- Hercules made a plan he would ask Atlas for help. _____

- tricked Atlas into getting the apples. _____

- The giant Atlas. _____

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Ideas

Use prepositional phrases to add interesting or important details to your writing.

The hero fought the monster.
 The hero with supernatural strength fought the monster with two heads.

1–8 Add a prepositional phrase that provides descriptive detail to each sentence below.

1. The hero had to fight
_____.
2. A serpent was hiding
_____.
3. A lion frightened attackers
_____.
4. A dragon stood guard
_____.
5. The hero wanted to save the kingdom
_____.
6. The hero carried a sword
_____.
7. The hero's horse could fly
_____.
8. The hero's horse had wings
_____.

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Focus Trait: Elaboration

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Writing: Narrative Writing

Good writers elaborate on their narrative's events by adding more descriptive words and details.

Without Descriptive Words	With Descriptive Words
The hydra's heads turned toward Hercules.	The hydra's nine slimy heads spun around and bared their knife-sharp fangs at Hercules.

1–4 Rewrite the sentences to include descriptive adjectives, verbs, or phrases that add detail.

1. Hera was angry when Hercules killed the hydra.

2. The mountain of Atlas was huge.

3. Atlas grew tired and stiff from holding up the world.

4. As a boy, Hercules killed a lion.
