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 READER'S NOTEBOOK

The Dog Newspaper
 Grammar: Prepositions and
 Prepositional Phrases

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that shows the connection between other words in the sentence. Some prepositions are used to show time, location, and direction. Other prepositions, such as *with* and *about*, provide details.

prepositions

time	We played <u>until</u> bedtime.
location	The dog sleeps <u>on</u> his own bed.
direction	She walked <u>into</u> the corner store.
detail	The dog <u>with</u> the pink collar is mine.

Thinking Question

What words tell about time, direction, or location, or add detail?

Activity Underline the preposition in each sentence. Tell if it describes time, location, direction, or detail.

1. My friends and I built a doghouse in the backyard. _____
2. On the doghouse, we painted a white bone. _____
3. We worked throughout the afternoon. _____
4. We stopped once and drank lemonade with ice. _____
5. My dog Oscar had always slept with me. _____
6. I can see the doghouse from my window. _____
7. Its entrance faces toward the house. _____
8. The elm tree will provide shade during the summer. _____

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Prepositional Phrases

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A **prepositional phrase** adds information to a sentence. It can tell *where*, *when*, or *how*, or it can add detail. It begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun. The noun or pronoun is the object of the preposition.

prepositional phrase

Holly is the feature editor for our local newspaper.

Where

*She became editor in 2011. **When***

*She writes her stories on the computer. **How***

*She often writes stories about dogs and cats. **Detail***

Thinking Questions

What is the prepositional phrase in the sentence?

What information does it add?

Underline the prepositional phrase. Then write the object of the preposition on the line and *where*, *when*, *how*, or *detail* to tell what information the phrase adds.

- Holly interviewed several people about their pets. _____
- She walked throughout the neighborhood. _____
- During her interviews, she discovered some interesting facts.

- She also took photos with her camera. _____
- One dog can jump ten feet off the ground. _____
- To her amazement, she even saw one dog smile. _____
- One cat with very white teeth helps advertise pet toothbrushes. _____
- By Tuesday afternoon, Holly had written her article. _____

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Prepositional Phrases to Combine Sentences

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A prepositional phrase can be used to combine two sentences.

Short sentences: My dog loves his treats. He has one in the morning and at night.

Combined sentence: My dog loves his treats in the morning and at night.

Thinking Questions

What is the prepositional phrase in the short sentences? How can it be used to combine the sentences?

Activity Rewrite the two short sentences by combining them into one sentence using a prepositional phrase.

1. Our dog Fritz loves to look out the window. The window is in our living room.

2. Fritz barks at the mail carrier. The mail carrier is by the front door.

3. Fritz and I play with the ball. We play in the yard.

4. I take Fritz for a walk. We walk along the river.

5. Fritz chased a squirrel at the park. The squirrel ran up a tree.

6. Fritz jumped into the water to fetch a stick. He jumped over a bench!

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Transitions

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Transitions	Relationship
<i>before, now, next, later, finally, then, eventually, soon, first, when</i>	time order
<i>as, likewise, also, similarly, unlike, on the other hand, but</i>	comparison-contrast
<i>because, as a result, consequently, due to, although</i>	cause and effect

Fill in each blank with a transition that logically connects the ideas in the paragraph. Choose from those listed in the chart.

_____ the soldiers _____ found B.J., he was just a ball of fur. _____ B.J. grew into a fine young dog. _____ other dogs his age, he was well behaved from the beginning. _____, the soldiers took him everywhere. _____ end. _____, B.J. needed a new home. Several soldiers wanted to take him with them, _____ the choice was narrowed down to one. B.J. bravely boarded the plane with his master _____ he had never been on one before. _____ was over. He was in his forever home at last!

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Connect to Writing

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 Grammar: Connect to Writing

You can use prepositional phrases to combine sentences.

Two Sentences	Longer, Smoother Sentence
The green notebook is on the table. The black pen is on top of the notebook.	The black pen is on top of the green notebook on the table.
The car keys are in the purse. The purse is on the desk.	The car keys are in the purse on the desk.

Activity Use prepositional phrases to combine the two sentences. Write the new sentence on the lines below.

1. The dog sat under the oak tree. The oak tree stands beside our house.

2. We gave the dogs a bath. We put them in our bathtub.

3. Nick bought a newspaper from the stand. He bought it for his mother.

4. During the summer, they exercise the dogs after dinner.
They run with the dogs on the beach.

5. The photograph of Fido is on the shelf. The shelf is above the bed.

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Writing: Narrative Writing

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Focus Trait: Development

Adding Concrete Words and Sensory Details

Vague	Strong
I gave Spot lots of attention.	I brushed Spot's coat, gave him a red collar, and played catch with him.

A. Read each vague or weak sentence. Then add concrete words and sensory details that develop the narrative and express feelings.

Vague	Strong
1. Spot was in the newspaper.	_____ when I saw that Spot was _____ _____.
2. Neighbors enjoyed the story, and I liked receiving their compliments on how great Spot looked in the photo.	Neighbors _____ the story, and I _____ compliments on how _____ _____ _____.

B. Read each weak sentence. Then rewrite it, adding words and details that give the writing a strong voice or personality.

Pair/Share Work with a partner to brainstorm new words and details.

Weak	Strong
3. Dogs are good pets.	
4. I like to talk about my pet.	
5. I enjoyed taking my puppy to the beach.	