

THE PREPOSITION

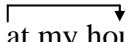
A **preposition relates its object to some other word in the sentence.** A preposition never appears alone. It is always used with a word or group of words called its **object**.

ex. *Go into* the house. (Into is a preposition; house is the object.)
Mrs. Jones fell *off* the ladder. (Off is a preposition; ladder is its object.)

Here are some frequently used prepositions:

about	around	by	in (into)	past
above	aside from	by means of	including	through
according to	at	by way of	like	to
across	because of	concerning	near	toward(s)
after	before	despite	of	under
against	behind	down	off	underneath
along (along with)	below	during	on (onto)	until
amid or amidst	beneath	except	out (out of)	up (upon)
among	beside (s)	for	outside	with
apart from	between	from	over	within (without)

Identifying Prepositions and Their Objects. Underline each preposition in the following sentences, and draw an arrow to its object.

Example: Joe left his jacket at my house. 

1. It rained hard during the night.
2. The boy climbed carefully up the tree.
3. Mary and Betty were the best golfers on the team.
4. I'd like a red jacket like yours.
5. Our basketball team will play against yours tonight.
6. They live in Wisconsin across the state line.
7. The gift was placed inside a beautifully decorated box.
8. For six summers I've vacationed in Colorado.
9. What is the name of your favorite book?
10. The dome above our heads looked like the sky.
11. If you sit near me, you may catch my cold.
12. Have you seen the new exhibit at the Field Museum?
13. They live down the street from us.
14. Put the camera on the table.
15. The boxer fell outside the ring.
16. She waited through the long night at the hospital.
17. Don't go without your briefcase.
18. Phil jumped from the porch onto the grass below.
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