

Prepositions

What is the definition of a preposition? (P)

What is the definition of a prepositional phrase? (PP)

Nouns (N) and pronouns (PrN) are the objects of the preps (OP) in a prep phrase.

Write the PP's for each sentence. Then, underline the N that is the OP in each sentence.

1. We ran laps around the gym.
2. The fans crowded onto the bleachers.
3. We learned about the metric system.
4. Kaela tried out for the lead role in the play.
5. Up the spiral staircase is a secret room.

PrN's can also be used as OP's. The **ONLY** correct forms of PrN's that can be used are these:

me	us
you	you
him, her, it	them

When the OP is compound, there may be some confusion. If you aren't sure which form of the PrN to use, say the sentence with the PrN alone following the P.

Example:

We're studying with David and (*she, her*).

We're studying with *she* OR

We're studying with *her*.

We're studying with David and *her* is correct.

Write the PP, choosing the correct PrN from the 2 given in ().

1. A firecracker exploded near (*they, them*).
2. Will you take a picture of Britt and (*he, him*).
3. The chores were divided between my brother and (*she, her*).
4. Sing along with (*I, me*).
5. He started a fight between Josh and (*we, us*).

Preposition or adverb?

Some words that are P's can also be used as adv's.

Examples:

We looked up. (adv)

We looked up the chimney. (prep)

The chickens ran around. (adv)

The chickens ran around the yard. (prep)

If the word is alone, it is probably an adv. If it begins a phrase, it is probably a prep.

Prep. phrases as modifiers

A phrase that modifies (describes) a noun or pronoun is an adj phrase.

An adj. phrase tells

which one,

what kind,

or how many, about the noun or pronoun it modifies.

Examples: The window *in the garage* is broken. (which one)

A few yards *of silk* are expensive. (what kind)

We saw statues *of several Presidents*. (how many)

A phrase that modifies a verb is an adverb phrase. It tells

where,

when,

or how about the verb.

Examples: Jason lived *in Utah*. (where)

I had a cake *on my birthday*. (when)

The crowd ate *in shifts*. (how)