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Prepositions & Prepositional Phrases – Guided Notes

**What are Prepositions?**

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Example: We went camping in the woods.

Activity: Circle the preposition in each sentence.

Stand by your chair. Stand on your chair. Sit in your chair.

**Some Common Prepositions:**

About Below From Through

Above Beneath In Toward

Across Beside Into Under

After Between Like Up

Among By Of With

Around Down Off Without

At During On

Before Except Over

Behind For Since

**What is a Prepositional Phrase?**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ following it

* Give details about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Stretches sentences
* May be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ phrase in sentences
* Can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaving basic sentence intact

Examples:

We went camping in the woods to enjoy nature.

Tom helped Ellen at the party on Saturday.

Activity: Circle prepositions and underline prepositional phrases.

It rained as I carried packages.

Under the table I spotted a mouse

In the car, my brother sleeps on the seat.

A dog is a great pet for families to adopt.

At the store, he purchased candy to eat.

**How do I use commas with prepositional phrases?**

Prepositional phrases used at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sentences have commas:

Example: At the mall, I met friends.

If prepositional phrases move to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of basic sentences, then commas disappear:

Example: I met friends at the mall.

**Writing Tip:** If a sentence begins with: \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, no prepositional phrase or commas with exist.

Examples:

I ran home since I was late.

Dad was late from work.

A bird flew in the pool.

Activity: Reverse the prepositional phrases to the end of basic sentences in order to remove commas.

At the door, I saw Mr. Smith. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After an hour, Mom left. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Before dark, Dad was home. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Layering Sentences with Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases:

Write a basic sentence:

**The lights were bright.**

Add 1 prepositional phrase to the end:

Add another prepositional phrase to the end:

Move one prepositional phrase to the beginning:

**MORE PRACTICE!!!!!!!!!**

Add prepositions and Circle prepositional phrases:

The letter \_\_\_\_\_ the table was gone.

Donald ate three scoops \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream.

The boxes \_\_\_\_\_ the backdoor \_\_\_\_\_ the porch step were empty.

Can we drive \_\_\_\_\_ the park \_\_\_\_\_ Main Street?

\_\_\_\_\_ the doorway, I saw a black cat.

**Writing Tip:** Remove all prepositional phrases and the basic sentence remains.