

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that comes before a noun or pronoun and shows the relationship of that noun or pronoun to some other word in the sentence.

The **object of a preposition** is the noun or pronoun that follows a preposition and adds to its meaning.

A **prepositional phrase** includes the preposition, the object of the preposition and all modifiers.

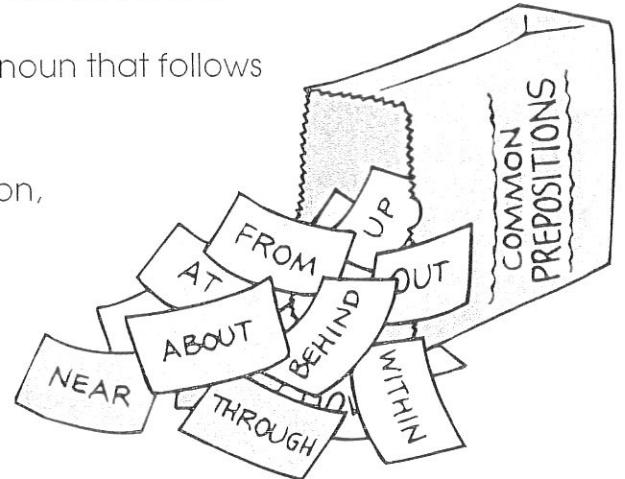
Example:

She gave him a pat **on his back**.

On is the preposition.

Back is the object of the preposition.

His is a possessive pronoun.



Common Prepositions

about	down	near	through
above	for	of	to
across	from	off	up
at	in	on	with
behind	into	out	within
by	like	past	without

Directions: Underline the prepositional phrases. Circle the prepositions. Some sentences have more than one prepositional phrase. The first one has been done for you.

1. He claimed he felt (at) home only (on) the West Coast.
2. She went up the street, then down the block.
3. The famous poet was near death.
4. The beautiful birthday card was from her father.
5. He left his wallet at home.
6. Her speech was totally without humor and boring as well.
7. I think he's from New York City.
8. Kari wanted to go with her mother to the mall.