

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

A **prepositional phrase** starts with a preposition, ends with an object, and may have modifiers between the preposition and object of the preposition. A **preposition** is a word that begins a prepositional phrase and shows the relationship between its object and another word in the sentence. A preposition must always have an object.

EXAMPLES:

- The cat ran **under the sofa**.
- Several accidents occurred **over the weekend**.

EXERCISE: Underline the PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES in each of the following sentences. Then, identify the PREPOSITION (**PREP**) and the OBJECT OF PREPOSITION (**OP**)

1. It is a well-known fact that camels can go many days without water.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

2. The candidate withdrew from the race.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

3. Can you imagine having a temperature of 108 degrees and feeling healthy?

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

4. Due to bad weather, the plane did not arrive.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

5. The Space Shuttle Discovery carried the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

6. When a horse is hot, it perspires, and the evaporation of this water cools its body.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

7. In addition to political cartoons, Thomas Nast also made Santa Claus drawings.

PREP: _____ **OP:** _____

8. If Eddie calls, please tell him that I've already gone to the game.

PREP: _____ OP: _____

9. Julio saw the Manhattan skyline spread out before him.

PREP: _____ OP: _____

0. As soon as the cat comes in the house, it wants to go outside again.

PREP: _____ OP: _____

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Answer Key

ANSWERS:

1. without water

PREP: without **OP:** water

2. from the race

PREP: from **OP:** race

3. of 108 degrees

PREP: of **OP:** degrees

4. Due to bad weather

PREP: Due to **OP:** weather

5. into orbit

PREP: into **OP:** orbit

6. of this water

PREP: of **OP:** water

7. in addition to political cartoons

PREP: in addition to **OP:** cartoons

8. to the game

PREP: to **OP:** game

9. before him

PREP: before **OP:** him

10. in the house

PREP: in **OP:** house