

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

Introduction A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship between other words in a sentence. Words such as *about*, *after*, *at*, *behind*, *by*, *during*, *for*, *in*, *on*, and *under* are prepositions.

- A **prepositional phrase** includes a preposition, a noun or pronoun that is the object of the preposition, and any words in between.

preposition	object of preposition
Myka looked [at]	the large [tree] .

- A prepositional phrase can describe a noun or a verb. It sometimes describes by telling *how*, *when*, *where*, or *what kind*.

Examples	What They Tell
Myka and Lily <i>went</i> outside after lunch.	<i>when</i> they went
They <i>sat</i> under the oak tree.	<i>where</i> they sat
It was a good <i>spot</i> for a tree house.	<i>what kind</i> of spot
Lily showed Myka a <i>book</i> about tree houses.	<i>what kind</i> of book
They <i>could build</i> a tree house by themselves.	<i>how</i> they could build

Guided Practice

Underline each prepositional phrase, and circle the preposition. Then finish the last two sentences by adding a prepositional phrase to each.

HINT

A prepositional phrase can come at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a sentence.

- 1 The tall oak tree was behind the house.
- 2 Myka and Lily would build their tree house in its branches.
- 3 During dinner, they discussed different ideas.
- 4 "Should we draw our plans after school?" Myka asked.
- 5 Their dad could buy wood and nails _____.
- 6 Myka and Lily decided to start building _____.