

Understanding Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

English Grammar · Answer Key · 22 Questions

1. What is a preposition combined with a noun or pronoun called?

A) An adverbial phrase

B) A prepositional phrase

C) A verb phrase

D) An infinitive phrase

2. Prepositional phrases usually tell where or when, or show what?

A) The subject of the sentence

B) The verb tense

C) Relationship

D) Sentence purpose

3. What is the basic formula for a prepositional phrase?

A) Noun + Preposition

B) Verb + Noun

C) Preposition + Noun or Pronoun

D) Adjective + Noun

4. What is the noun or pronoun that ends a prepositional phrase called?

A) The subject

B) The object of the preposition

C) The predicate nominative

D) The direct object

5. If a prepositional phrase ends with a pronoun, what form must that pronoun be in?

A) Subjective pronoun

B) Possessive pronoun

C) Objective pronoun

D) Reflexive pronoun

6. Which of the following is NOT a common preposition listed in the text?

A) about

B) through

C) beneath

D) quickly

7. What is a key advantage of recognizing prepositional phrases in writing?

- A) To make sentences longer
- B) To avoid misidentifying the subject**
- C) To add more adjectives
- D) To create run-on sentences

8. According to the text, a prepositional phrase can never contain what part of a sentence?

- A) An adverb
- B) An adjective
- C) The subject**
- D) A verb

9. In the sentence '(After the homecoming game), (before midnight), we will leave,' what are 'game' and 'midnight' disqualified as subjects from?

- A) Being verbs
- B) Being adjectives
- C) Occurring in prepositional phrases**
- D) Being pronouns

10. For a word to be a preposition, it must be in what?

- A) A complete sentence
- B) A prepositional phrase**
- C) A list of verbs
- D) A clause

11. If a word like 'outside' appears alone in a sentence modifying a verb, it is likely functioning as what?

- A) A preposition
- B) An adverb**
- C) A conjunction
- D) An interjection

12. When the word 'to' is followed by a verb, it forms a type of phrase called what?

- A) A prepositional phrase
- B) A gerund phrase
- C) An infinitive phrase**
- D) A participial phrase

13. Phrasal verbs are also known as what?

- A) Single-word verbs
- B) Two-word verbs**
- C) Three-word verbs
- D) Compound verbs

14. For ESL students, mastering prepositions can be difficult because their usage is often a matter of what?

- A) Strict rules
- B) Logic
- C) Custom**
- D) Personal preference

15. To state that an event occurred generally within a particular season, week, month, or year, which prepositions are typically used?

- A) on
- B) at
- C) during or in**
- D) for

16. Which preposition is used for stating that an event occurred on a particular calendar date, weekday, or holiday?

- A) in
- B) at
- C) on**
- D) during

17. For specific times of day and clock times, which preposition is generally used?

- A) on
- B) in
- C) at**
- D) during

18. If you are on time for a scheduled event, you arrive when?

- A) Before the event
- B) During the event
- C) Exactly at the scheduled time**
- D) After the event

19. If you arrive 'in time' for an unscheduled event, it means you arrived when?

A) Exactly when it started

B) Just before it was too late

C) After it was over

D) Significantly early

20. The expression 'differ from' means what?

A) To disagree with

B) To be dissimilar

C) To agree on a plan

D) To agree to actions

21. We agree with a person, but we agree _____ a plan.

A) with

B) from

C) on

D) to

22. Which of the following is a two-word preposition?

A) in

B) on

C) according to

D) with