

Understanding Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

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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