

# Prepositions

Writing with Clarity



# Prepositions

- **A word or word phrase that shows a relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence.**
- **A preposition will tell 4 things:**
  - **Where something is (location)**
  - **Where something is going (direction)**
  - **When something happens (time)**
  - **The relationship between a noun/pronoun and another word in a sentence**

# Prepositions

- In your notes, you have 45 seconds to write down as many prepositions as you can remember.....

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# Common Prepositions

- About
- Above
- Across
- After
- Below
- Along
- Alongside
- Among
- Before
- Beneath
- Against
- At
- Around
- Behind
- Beside(s)
- Between
- Beyond
- By
- Down
- During

# There's more....

- For
- From
- In
- Inside
- Into
- Like
- Near
- Of
- Off
- On
- Outside
- Over
- Past
- Since
- Through
- To
- Toward
- Under
- Until
- Up

# A few more...

- Upon
- With
- Within
- Without

# Phrasal Prepositions

- According to
- Because of
- In front of
- Instead of
- Across from
- In back of
- In place of
- Next to

# Prepositions

- **Review: What is a preposition?**

(you may look at your notes)

- word or word phrase

- shows a relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence

- tells location, direction, time



# Prepositions



- You have **FOUR** minutes to write **TWO, FIFTEEN** word sentences.
- Use a preposition in the sixth and twelfth positions for each sentence. (no repeats)

## Examples:

- The famous golfing legend leaned over the tiny, white, dimpled ball on the ninth tee.
- Pedro Feliz launched a ball toward McCovey Cove, but it bounced off the brick wall.



# Prepositional Phrases

- Starts with a preposition, ends with an object
- The word or word group that the preposition introduces is its object.
- NO verbs will be in the phrase

# Prepositional Phrases

They received a postcard from Bobby telling  
about his trip to Canada.

A diagram illustrating prepositional phrases in a sentence. The sentence is "They received a postcard from Bobby telling about his trip to Canada." The phrase "from Bobby" is underlined, and a purple arrow points from it to the word "telling". The phrase "about his trip to Canada" is also underlined, and a purple arrow points from it to the word "telling".

# Prepositional Phrases

- You have **FOUR** minutes to write **TWO** sentences using the prepositions **BENEATH** and **OUTSIDE**.
- Make sure you put the prepositional phrase in (parentheses) and **underline the preposition**. (If you have time, put an arrow from the preposition to its object)

# Preposition Practice

- You have **FIVE** minutes to write a paragraph of **SEVENTY-FIVE** words.
- You must include a minimum of **FIFTEEN** prepositions in the paragraph.
- Topic choices:
  - You are caught in a high speed chase and are writing down what happens so you can report every detail to the cops.
  - You are directing Captain Jack Sparrow on his latest hunt for buried treasure.



# Preposition Practice

- You have **FIVE** minutes to write as much as you can, as well as you can, using a minimum of **TEN** prepositional phrases.
- **Topic:**
  - You are describing something that is cold, wet and slimy without using those words.