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CONVENTIONS PREPOSITIONS AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

A **preposition** is a part of speech that indicates a relationship between a noun or pronoun that follows it and another word in the sentence. Some commonly used prepositions include *at*, *after*, *between*, *for*, *in*, *of*, *on*, *to*, *through*, and *with*.

Example: The truck is on the highway.

The preposition *on* connects the noun *highway* to another word in the sentence, *truck*.

A **prepositional phrase** starts with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun, called the **object of the preposition**, which completes the meaning of the phrase.

Example: The truck is on the highway.

The prepositional phrase *on the highway* begins with the preposition *on* and ends with the noun *highway*, which is the object of the preposition.

A. DIRECTIONS: Underline the preposition(s) in each sentence.

1. The actress with red hair held a book in her hand.
2. She stood in the very center of the huge stage.
3. She was auditioning for the director and the producer.
4. The stage manager sat in the wings to the right.
5. Behind him stood various members of the cast.

B. DIRECTIONS: Underline the prepositional phrase(s) in each sentence. Then, rewrite the sentence with a different prepositional phrase. In your new sentence, circle the object of the preposition.

1. I painted under the shelves when I painted the cabinets.

2. The cabin was beneath the large chestnut tree.

3. During the night the wind began to blow.

4. A set of drums was in the music room.

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1. The chipmunk ran _____ the picnic table to eat the crumbs.
 2. Our trip _____ the park was an annual event.
 3. The school addition will be completed _____ the next few months.
 4. We camped _____ the lake and the cabin.
 5. The cook prepared a special dessert to be served _____ the dinner.
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B. DIRECTIONS: Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Then, circle the object of the preposition. (Some sentences may have more than one preposition and object.)

1. A shadow appeared behind the curtain.
 2. The cups and saucers are in the cabinet above the sink.
 3. Charlie collected stamps and coins and put them in large binders.
 4. During the hurricane, we heard wind and rain lashing at the windows.
 5. On our trip, we drove over the river and through the woods.
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C. DIRECTIONS: Write sentences using the following prepositional phrases.

1. to the museum

2. up the hill

3. over a bridge

4. near the glen

5. for my niece
