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A diagram illustrating the function of a preposition. The word "in" is circled in blue. An orange curved arrow starts from the circle and points to the word "player". Another orange curved arrow starts from the circle and points to the word "shirt". A blue horizontal line underlines the phrase "in the white shirt".

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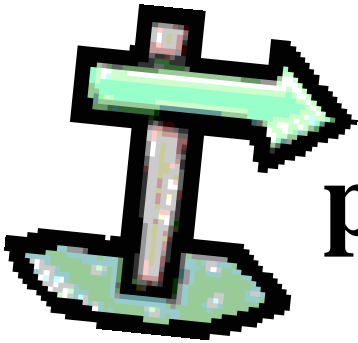
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# PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE



Always begins with a  
preposition and ends with a  
noun or pronoun.

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Write sentences for these prepositional phrases:

**like a chipmunk**

**after the campfire**

**by a shimmering waterfall**

# ADJECTIVE


## PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

Modifies a noun or pronoun

It answers the same questions an adjective would:

**Which one? What kind? How many?**

The puppy in the shop window jumped up.



# ADVERB

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Modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb

It answers the same questions an adverb would:

Where?

When?

How?

The puppy jumped to the food.





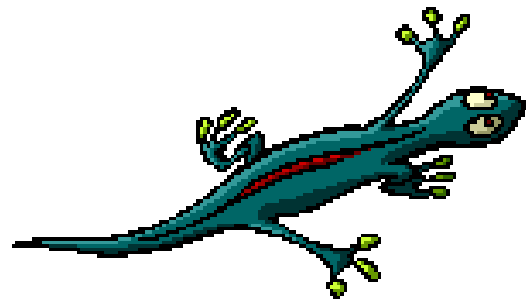
# **You MUST memorize the prepositions!**

*If there is no object of the preposition (if the preposition is not part of a phrase), then it is not a preposition—it is an adverb.*

The gecko climbed up  
the wall.

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The gecko climbed up on  
the wall.



Identify the prepositional phrases and the objects of the preposition:

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# adverb or preposition?

1. The tadpoles are below the surface of the pond.
2. I jumped up and Amy jumped down.
3. Is Taylor near?
4. Erin looked across the bus to the purple-haired boy.