

# CHEAT SHEET FOR PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

I. What is a phrase?

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II. What is a **Prepositional Phrase**?

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III. What are the parts of **Prepositional Phrases**?

## 1) The preposition

- ⓐ For example: *about, in, on, under, over, up, until*
- ⓑ “*in the red sports car*” **in** is the preposition in this prepositional phrase.
- ⓒ When identifying PREPOSITIONS in sentences, write a “P” over the word.

## 2) The Object of the Preposition

- ⓐ Always NOUNS
- ⓑ “*in the red sports car*” **car** is the OBJECT of the prepositional phrase. It is a noun
- ⓒ When identifying OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS, write a “POP” over the word.

## 3) Adjectives and Articles are words that modify the object of the preposition.

- ⓐ The other words in prepositional phrases will modify the object.
- ⓑ These words fall BETWEEN the PREPOSITION and the OBJECT.
- ⓒ Modifiers in prepositions are ADJECTIVES and ARTICLES (“a,” “the”)
- ⓓ “*in the red sports car*” **the** is an ARTICLE, while **red** and **sports** are ADJECTIVES that modify the OBJECT of prepositional phrase.

IV. What are **Prepositional Phrases** similar to in their *function*? \_\_\_\_\_

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BUT BE CAREFUL, they are PHRASES, not adverbs or adjectives.

**For example:**

**The man in the red sports car is speeding.**

The prepositional phrase "in the red sports car" explains/describes something about "the man." Therefore, it is functioning *like an adjective*, **BUT** since it is a phrase, we know it is a prepositional phrase.

**She speeds in the red sports car.**

The prepositional phrase "in the red sports car" explains/describes something about how the man "is speeding." Therefore, it is functioning *like an adjective*, **BUT** since it is a phrase, we know it is a prepositional phrase.

## List of Prepositions

Prepositions answer 3 questions

1. When
2. Where
3. How

There are 3 types of prepositions:

1. SIMPLE-of, at, to, on
2. COMPOUND-within, outside, underneath
3. PHRASAL-away from, outside of

aboard	down	out
about	down from	out of
above	during	outside
according to	except	outside of
across	except for	over
across from	excepting	over to
after	for	owing to
against	from	past
along	from among	prior to
alongside	from between	regarding
alongside of	from under	round
along with	in	round about
amid	in addition to	save
among	in back of	since
apart from	in behalf of	subsequent to
around	in front of	together with
aside from	in place of	through
at	in regard to	throughout
away from	inside	till
because of	inside of	to
before	instead of	toward
behind	into	under
below	like	underneath
beneath	near	until
beside	near to	unto
besides	of	up
between	off	up to
beyond	on	upon
by	on account of	with
by means of	on behalf of	within
concerning	onto	without
considering	on top of	
despite	opposite	

