



Prepositions: *A Smarty Activity*

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Treasure Kai and the Lost Gold of Shark Island



- Award-winning App
- Choose your own adventure by selecting the treasure chests!
- Author: Karen Robertson



Prepositions

- A lot of the prepositions are what a squirrel can do with a tree: It can go **up** a tree, **down** a tree, **over** a tree, **beneath** a tree, **beyond** a tree, **around** a tree,...
- Every preposition (Prep) must have an object of the preposition (OP).
- *Hi, I'm Kai and I'm always dreaming **about** (prep)treasure **hunting** (OP).*



Object of the Preposition

- To find an object of the preposition, say the preposition, followed by the words “whom?” or “what?.”
- *Hi, I’m Kai and I’m always dreaming **about** treasure hunting.*
- About what? hunting – Object of the Preposition (OP).



Find the prepositions and their objects in the sentences below!

- *I just love those stories about deep-sea explorers who find treasure on sunken ships that disappeared in the olden days.*
- *And archaeologists who find the coolest stuff from people lost to history.*
- *I'm always talking about treasure.*
- *This is where I live – in the apartment above my parents' store, "The Treasure Shop."*

Prepositional Phrase

- The preposition, the object of the preposition, and all of the words in between them make a Prepositional Phrase!
- He slowly swam **to solid ground**.
- “To” what? “Ground”/OP
- “To solid ground” Prepositional Phrase



Adverbs

- If a word that is usually a preposition doesn't have an object, it is not a preposition; it is an adverb.
- Adverbs answer the questions “How?” “When?” “Where?”
- *Every time something new comes in **to the shop**, we check it out **for hidden treasure**.*
- To the shop – prepositional phrase
- For hidden treasure – prepositional phrase



What about these words?

- *Every time something new comes **in** to the shop, we check it **out** for hidden treasure.*
- Notice the words that look like prepositions but don't have an object?
- Do they answer “How?” “When?” or “Where?”
- If a word looks like a preposition, doesn't have an object, and answers “How?” “When?” or “Where?” ...it has become an ADVERB!

What about this sentence?

- He crept up **to the hole in the trunk** and saw a bottle **of green liquid**.
- To what? hole/OP
- In where? trunk/OP
- Of what? liquid/OP
- Prepositional Phrases: “to the hole,” “to the trunk,” and “of green liquid.”



- He crept **up** to the hole in the trunk and saw a bottle of green liquid.
- What is “up”? It looks like a preposition, but it doesn't have an object of the preposition.
- “Up” is an adverb!

Compound Objects of the Preposition

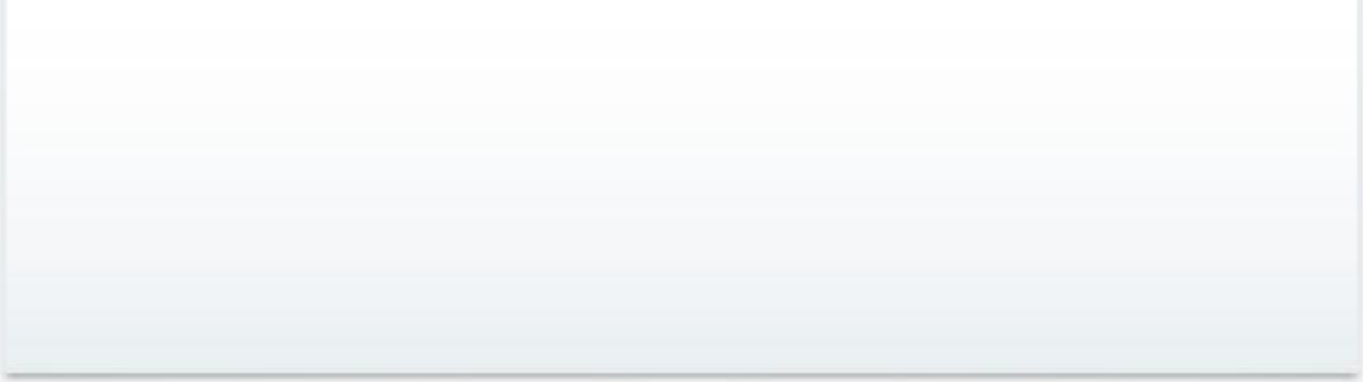
- A preposition can have more than one preposition; when it has more than one preposition, they are called Compound Objects of the Preposition (COP).
- Treasure Kai entertained us **with stories** and **adventures**.
- Karen Robertson writes **about** antique treasure **shops**, an imaginative **boy**, and daring **adventures**.



Review

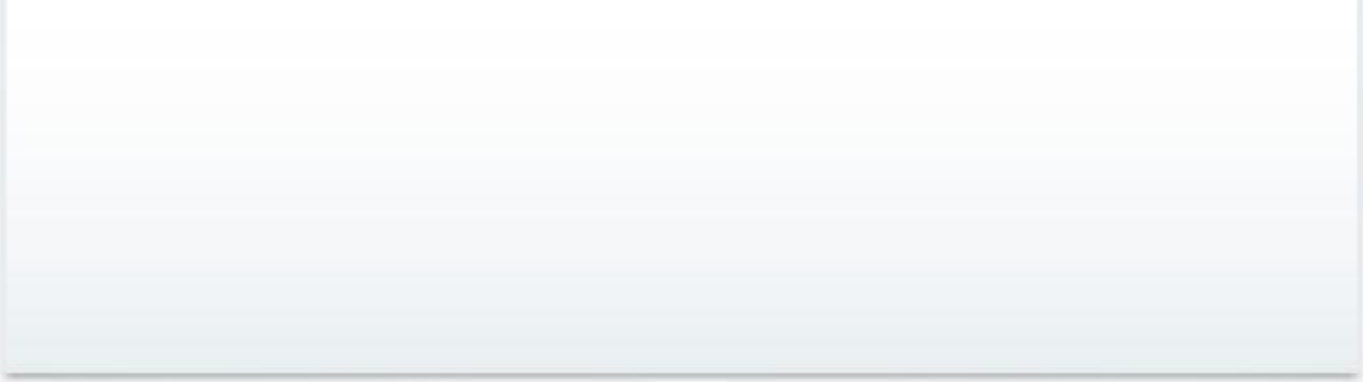
- Most prepositions are words that a squirrel can do with a tree.
- Ask “**whom?**” or “**what?**” after the preposition, and you will find the object of the preposition.
- The preposition, its object of the preposition, and all of the words between them make a Prepositional Phrase.





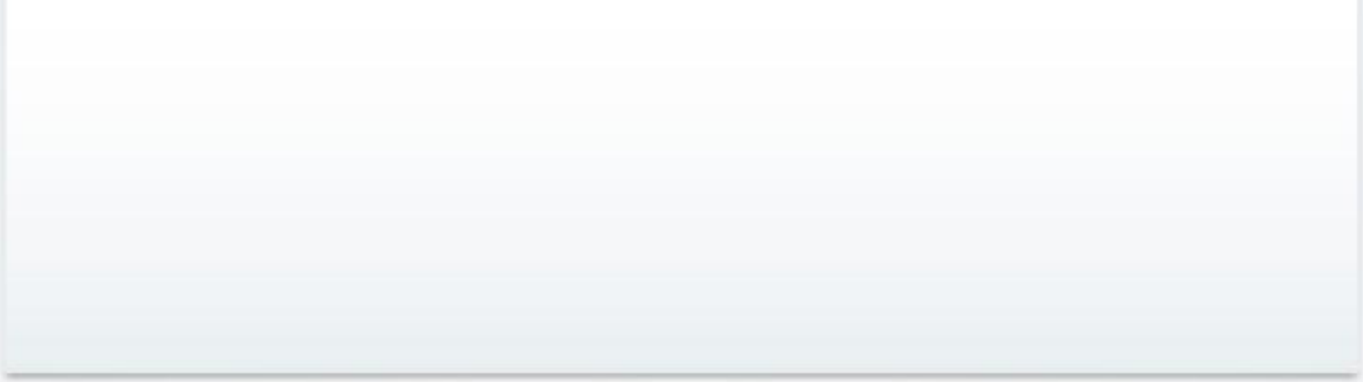
- If a word looks like a preposition, but it doesn't have an object, it is an Adverb!
- Adverbs answer the questions “how?” “when?” “where?”
- If a preposition has more than one object, it has Compound Objects of the Preposition.





- Preposition = Prep
- Object of the Preposition = OP
- Prepositional Phrase = PP
- Adverb = Adv
- Compound Objects of the Preposition = COP





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