

Unit 6: Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

Lesson 38

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** is a word that connects a noun or a pronoun to another word in a sentence. A **compound preposition** consists of more than one word.

I can meet you **at** the library. Eat vegetables **instead of** junk food.

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun called the **object of the preposition**.

We walked **along the beach**. They stood **beside us**.

COMMONLY USED PREPOSITIONS

about	before	during	off	to
above	behind	for	on	toward
across	below	from	onto	under
after	beneath	in	out	until
against	beside	inside	outside	up
along	between	into	over	upon
among	beyond	like	since	with
around	by	near	through	within
at	down	of	throughout	without

COMMONLY USED COMPOUND PREPOSITIONS

according to	aside from	in front of	instead of
across from	because of	in place of	on account of
along with	far from	in spite of	on top of

► **Exercise 1** Underline each prepositional phrase. Draw a second line under the preposition or compound preposition and circle the object of the preposition.

Food contains nutrients that we need for good health.

1. There are six groups of nutrients: carbohydrates, fats, proteins, water, minerals, and vitamins.
2. We could not live without carbohydrates.



3. Energy stored in carbohydrates is released quickly.
4. Among the carbohydrates are sugars, starch, and fiber.
5. Some foods with sugar have few nutrients.
6. Sugar, however, is found in all fruits.
7. Our bodies also get sugar from young vegetables.
8. Refined sugar is found in products like candy and soft drinks.
9. Along with bread, pasta and potatoes provide us with starch.
10. Our bodies break down starch into glucose.
11. Glucose then releases energy throughout our bodies.
12. We get our fiber through foods like vegetables and grains.
13. Fiber does not release energy within our bodies.
14. However, because of fiber, our digestive tract is kept healthy.
15. Many doctors believe in a high-fiber diet to guard against cancer.
16. Like carbohydrates, fats also provide energy.
17. Fats release energy slowly, instead of the quick release from carbohydrates.
18. We also have healthy skin and hair because of fats.
19. However, too much saturated fat from food turns into excess body fat.
20. Saturated fats come from animal products.
21. Unsaturated fats are found in vegetables and nuts.
22. Because of proteins children can develop into healthy adults.
23. Proteins supply material for the production of new cells.
24. Fish, poultry, and milk supply protein to our bodies.
25. Combinations of other foods, like nuts and grains, also provide protein.
26. Perhaps you never thought about water for nourishment.
27. Yet, no one can live without water in his or her body.
28. Water helps control the temperature inside the body.
29. Blood, which contains water, carries oxygen to the cells.
30. Minerals are important for bone strength.

Lesson 39**Pronouns as Objects of Prepositions**

When a pronoun is the object of a preposition, use an object pronoun, not a subject pronoun.

Sherilyn threw the ball to Cindy. Sherilyn threw the ball to **her**.

If a preposition has a compound object with both a noun and a pronoun, use an object pronoun.

LaToya entered the race with Carmen and **me**.

Use the object pronoun *whom* after a preposition.

To **whom** did you give the folder? The person with **whom** I'm going is Tad.

► **Exercise 1** Draw two lines under each preposition or compound preposition. Underline the correct form of the pronoun in parentheses.

The dog likes to run with Tammy and (he, him).

1. Give the books to Eduardo and (I, me).
2. I never heard of either Mr. Cameron or (him, he).
3. There is some difference of opinion between Juana and (they, them).
4. Is that the teacher of (whom, who) you speak so highly?
5. Oh, you got here in front of (I, me).
6. I'll go later because I don't want to run into (him, he).
7. I like to sit near Keshia and (her, she).
8. Don't get caught between the bear cub and (she, her).
9. If you hurry, you can go to the concert with (we, us).
10. Hakeem stood behind Tracy and (me, I) and yelled "Boo!"
11. This present is from Martha and (he, him).
12. To (who, whom) should I address this package?
13. Aside from Zina and (them, they), who else was there?
14. I don't think the nurse appreciated the jokes by Jim and (me, I).

15. I don't want to leave without (her, she).
16. Food of any kind looks delicious to (we, us) starving hikers.
17. I don't want to sit in front of (him, he).
18. We came to the party without the Joneses or (them, they).
19. The balloons floated above (we, us).
20. The speech was given by (she, her).
21. Yoko will give her book report for the teacher and (they, them).
22. Mother sat between Jim and (I, me).
23. When the halfback went down, the whole opposing team piled on top of (he, him).
24. They lost their home in the flood, and I feel sorry for (they, them).
25. Is that the person behind (whom, who) you sat at the movie?
26. Because she knows so much about the outdoors, I like camping with (her, she).
27. Why don't you come to the parade along with Sam and (us, we)?
28. I threw the ball beyond (them, they).
29. The baby took her first steps toward Dad and (we, us).
30. The king had been fighting against (they, them) for years.
31. The broken lamp in our den fell on top of (she, her).
32. I met the explorer about (who, whom) you wrote in your letter.
33. Joe wants to go to the spelling bee in place of (I, me).
34. They want to paint a portrait of Toshi and (him, he).
35. The painter shouted at the worker on the ladder above (she, her).
36. I think Pravat looks quite a bit like (he, him).
37. The new students feel accepted by the teacher and (we, us).
38. Lara stood in awe of the beautiful valley below (her, she).
39. I always feel uncomfortable around Diana and (her, she).
40. The victim of the robbery pointed to the suspect and (he, him).

Lesson 40

Prepositional Phrases as Adjectives and Adverbs

A prepositional phrase sometimes functions as an **adjective phrase** that tells about a noun or a pronoun.

The land **around the lake** was rocky. (The prepositional phrase *around the lake* describes the noun *land*.)

An **adverb phrase** is a prepositional phrase that tells about a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adverb phrase tells *when*, *where*, or *how* the action in the verb takes place.

The mice hid **from the owl**. (describes the verb *hid*)

The horse is tired **after his workout**. (describes the adjective *tired*)

The cat slept late **in the morning**. (describes the adverb *late*)

► **Exercise 1** Underline each prepositional phrase. Write *adj.* or *adv.* in the blank to identify the type of phrase.

- adj. Translators of Spanish work here.
- _____ 1. Do you know the name of that monument?
- _____ 2. In a strong voice, the actor delivered his speech.
- _____ 3. The cat jumped off the fence.
- _____ 4. I can't understand the label on the package.
- _____ 5. My relatives from Phoenix are coming next week.
- _____ 6. The Bonillas have a new deck in their backyard.
- _____ 7. After classes, the scientist gave a lecture.
- _____ 8. A pep rally was held in the gym.
- _____ 9. I'd love a piece of that pie!
- _____ 10. I bought you a new book about astronomy.
- _____ 11. A loud crash came from the darkened house.
- _____ 12. We spent all of our allowance.
- _____ 13. Did I leave my keys in your car?

- _____ 14. Because of the broken ski lift, we had to climb the mountain.
- _____ 15. The percussion section is practicing on their drums.
- _____ 16. Between halves, the band performed a splendid show.
- _____ 17. I dreamed I traveled to Paris.
- _____ 18. The cat with the long fur is ours.
- _____ 19. She is going to vote in the mid-year election.
- _____ 20. We'll get there sooner if we take the road through the hills.

► **Exercise 2 Underline each prepositional phrase. Circle the word it describes.**

Raul works in a busy office.

- 1. Jorge wrote a piece for the school band.
- 2. We waited for at least a half hour!
- 3. We plan to meet Fernando at the video store.
- 4. Della got a flat tire on her bicycle.
- 5. The art museum has marble lions with huge paws.
- 6. Don likes to work the crossword puzzles in the newspaper.
- 7. The mountain goats climbed up the rocky hillside.
- 8. The lion groomed her cubs with her tongue.
- 9. The coach left suddenly during the rally.
- 10. Enrique took photographs of the stained glass windows.
- 11. The audience focused on the lead singer.
- 12. Aurelia adjusted the eyepiece on her telescope.
- 13. The wind blew with frightening suddenness.
- 14. The winning runner crossed the finish line in a flash.
- 15. The prospector stored his gold in a safe.
- 16. The Academy Awards show is broadcast to a worldwide audience.
- 17. The elms along our street have all died.
- 18. The house near the waste dump had to be evacuated.

Lesson 41

Conjunctions and Interjections

A **coordinating conjunction** connects words or phrases in a sentence. The words *and*, *but*, *or*, *for*, and *nor* are coordinating conjunctions. Such conjunctions can be used in several ways.

Rain **or** snow is expected tomorrow. (compound subject)

Floodwaters reached the levee **and** flowed over it. (compound predicate)

Angel called to Carla **and** Olivia. (compound object of a preposition)

I can't run fast, **but** I can run long distances. (compound sentence)

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of conjunctions. They include *both/and*, *either/or*, *neither/nor*, and *not only/but also*.

Madeline **not only** plays hockey **but also** teaches it to younger students.
(compound predicate)

An **interjection** is a word or phrase that expresses feelings but has no grammatical connection to the sentence. Separate interjections from the sentence with a comma or an exclamation point, depending on the strength of feeling.

Oh, you don't need to worry. **Ouch!** I really am sunburned.

COMMON INTERJECTIONS

aha	come on	ha	oh, no	ouch	whoops
alas	gee	hey	oh, well	pew	wow
awesome	good grief	hooray	oops	what	yes

► **Exercise 1** Underline each conjunction. Write whether it joins a compound subject (*subj.*), a compound predicate (*pred.*), a compound object of a preposition (*obj.*), or a compound sentence (*sent.*).

obj. I really miss the humor of Angie and Gwen.

_____ 1. Hiroshi and Takeo competed in the finals.

_____ 2. The audience booed and hissed at the villain.

_____ 3. I will study with either Mom or Dad.

_____ 4. The tornado picked up the empty car and threw it against the barn.

_____ 5. Botany and astronomy are Jake's main interests.

_____ 6. We asked Belle to dinner, but she had other plans.

- _____ 7. Mr. Lee gave grades to the seventh- and eighth-grade classes.
- _____ 8. The runner jumped the gun and was disqualified from the race.
- _____ 9. Manny and I have to write a report.
- _____ 10. Georgia not only has a paper route but also works at a craft shop.
- _____ 11. I think Mr. Wilson will recover, but his family is not hopeful.
- _____ 12. Grandma thinks it will rain tomorrow, for her joints are aching.
- _____ 13. Both Mini and Poloma are good at the shot put.
- _____ 14. Chocolate is good for neither dogs nor cats.
- _____ 15. The cat pounced at the bird but missed it.
- _____ 16. We will travel to either Yellowstone or Yosemite next summer.
- _____ 17. I can't roller skate, but I'm a whiz on a skateboard.
- _____ 18. The dog comes to neither my call nor the whistle.
- _____ 19. Aunt Renee or Uncle Johnny will call us tonight.
- _____ 20. Tatanka cared for the orphaned baby raccoon and then released it.

► **Exercise 2 Circle the interjection in each sentence.**

Wow! I see the parade coming!

- 1. We're going to be late. Oh, no!
- 2. Hooray, the teacher decided not to give us a test today!
- 3. Whoops! I guess I misjudged the distance from the couch to the floor.
- 4. Alas, someone else got my favorite parking space.
- 5. I thought there was no rainbow, but, wow, there it is!
- 6. Yes, I'd love to go to the car show with you.
- 7. Aha! I thought I saw you creeping up on me.
- 8. Hey, aren't you Marcy's brother?
- 9. I forgot these boots have holes in them. Good grief!
- 10. Oh, no, the squirrel is in the birdfeeder again.



Unit 6 Review

► **Exercise 1** Draw one line under each preposition and two lines under each conjunction. Circle each interjection.

(Yes) Tyrone and I get to go to the pool.

1. The neighbor's dog and our cat like to chase each other.
2. Wow, did you see my photograph in the paper?
3. Neither Mae nor Mason entered the contest.
4. I don't know whether to wear my shorts or my jeans to the rally.
5. Oops, I dropped my ring into the garbage disposal.
6. Hey! Don't throw the ball or swing that bat in the house!
7. Do I like to swim in the pool? Yes!
8. Dad not only built much of our house but also painted it.
9. Monica and Rachel are identical twins, but they have very different interests.
10. Oh, no, the raccoons have dragged the garbage out of the can again.
11. Dad bought tickets for Mom and her.
12. Jed will study either painting or sculpture in college.
13. It's almost time for the game. Hooray!
14. Our school won the band competition and got a trophy. Awesome!
15. Wow, Adita shot from center court and scored three points.
16. Janine liked the movie a lot, but I thought it was silly.
17. Have you ever heard of either Florence Nightingale or Clara Barton?
18. Good grief! That was a difficult test!
19. Sally delivered holiday cards to her paper route customers.
20. Koko gave his dog a bath and then cleaned himself with a big towel.



Cumulative Review: Units 1–6

► **Exercise 1** Label each noun, verb, adjective, and adverb by writing *N*, *V*, *adj.*, or *adv.* above the correct word or words.

adj. N V V adj. N adv.
The scientists will announce their new discovery tomorrow.

1. The ancient train crept slowly up the steep, dangerous hill.
2. The faster runners quickly tackled the slower quarterback.
3. The small gymnast gracefully performed her final exercise.
4. After the accident victims had been treated, the room became quiet.
5. When the movie was completed, the VCR rewound the videotape.
6. Reggie and Yana will compete in the finals of the contest tomorrow.
7. The rain fell heavily, and the river rose steadily.
8. The professional skiers sped smoothly down the steep slope.
9. The long movie was awfully boring.
10. When the squirrel and my cat met in the garage, both animals fled.
11. On our summer vacation, we drove through twelve states.
12. The performance by the band at halftime was spectacular.
13. The baby has been crying for several hours.
14. I have not seen Jason or Terry lately.
15. After his encounter with a skunk, we washed our dog in tomato juice.
16. On the wild pitch, the quick runner stole home easily.
17. A flock of gulls lands in the parking lot of the mall each morning.
18. Take your feet off the table!
19. Ellen writes to me regularly.
20. Buffalo were very numerous in the West.
21. Have you ever held a long-haired rabbit?
22. Sign me up for the Music Club.

► **Exercise 2** Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate. Then draw a vertical line between the complete subject and complete predicate.

The singing birdswake us early each morning.

1. The hot sand scorched my bare feet.
2. That long-legged wading bird is either a heron or an egret.
3. The players in the red jerseys are the Midtowners.
4. The videotape goes into this opening.
5. Our neighbors across the street collect old records.
6. That girl in the yellow raincoat looks like my cousin.
7. I will tell you the plot of the movie.
8. Several students from our school qualified for the finals.
9. The hungry alligator slid off the bank and into the water.
10. We will see the dinosaur exhibit tomorrow.
11. The carrier always throws the paper right in front of our door.
12. The townspeople collected food for the victims of the flood.
13. Our class recycles its paper and plastic.
14. The sound of approaching thunder echoed through the hills.
15. The lifeguard called people out of the pool.
16. Jacob's skateboard easily avoided the cracks in the sidewalk.
17. Greg's sister wants to be a scientist.
18. The skaters circled the arena to the strains of ballet music.
19. Our guidance counselor gave me good advice about college.
20. Several limbs from the tree fell during the violent windstorm.
21. Your paintings are so original!
22. Our first experiment flowed smoothly.
23. Mariette visits the residents at Autumn Years Nursing Home.
24. My dog shamelessly begs food from everybody.

► **Exercise 3** Draw one line under each preposition or compound preposition and two lines under each conjunction. Circle each interjection.

Phew, this blister on my foot not only hurts but also slows me down.

1. Hey, should I read the book or see the movie first?
2. Put the produce into the crisper and the dry goods on top of the counter.
3. Jack sits across from me and between Lila and Betty.
4. According to our teacher, the universe is older and larger than imaginable.
5. Ogima studies after school, but I wait until evening.
6. Yes, Hano will climb Mount Baldy in the spring.
7. Sonia not only identifies plants but also gives their Latin names. Wow!
8. Either Molly or her sister will represent our school in the contest.
9. Oh, no, that video is at the other store.
10. Namid volunteers at the recycling center during the weekend.
11. I met Marsha and her brother, Joshua, outside the art museum.
12. Across from the park are railroad tracks and a patch of rare flowers.
13. Alas, someone is sitting in my favorite seat.
14. The lion crept toward the grazing zebras, but they sensed his presence and fled.
15. Hey, didn't we do this page of problems already?
16. Neither Tonia nor Sophie remembers where she lived during her childhood.
17. I got an A on my report. Hooray!
18. Good grief! Sam taped his family and sent the video to that TV show.
19. Would I like to play with that band? Yes!
20. Where in the world did you find that bicycle, and how old is it?
21. Do you use one capful of ammonia or one cup of bleach?
22. John, covered with sticky cobwebs, emerged from the attic.
23. Light the electric candles displayed in the window.
24. Ha! I don't believe a word of that story about the monster under your bed.