

Prepositional Phrases Can Modify Verbs

A **prepositional phrase** is a phrase that starts with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun ("object").

Prepositional phrases often modify **verbs**, or action words, in a sentence.

Lucy and her cousin **jumped** on the bed.
Verb Prepositional Phrase

After our meeting, Kerrie and I **went** salsa dancing.
Prepositional Phrase Verb

Josh **put** his backpack under his desk.
Verb Prepositional Phrase

Here are some common examples of prepositions:

Prepositions

about	behind	toward	before
across	to	near	from
during	within	of	past

What does the prepositional phrase modify?

I'm shocked that Katniss Everdeen's parakeet isn't **in its cage**.

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Frida designed a ball gown and then sold it **to her teacher**.

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The toddler discovered Macklemore's secret box **of toys**.

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