

## Grade 4 Playlist: Prepositional Phrases

Aligns with *CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1.E*:

- Form and use prepositional phrases.

### Welcome

It is hard to include a lot of details in a sentence without using prepositional phrases. These groups of words add more specific information to a sentence. Being able to identify a prepositional phrase can help a reader understand a sentence better. It is also important for writers to know how to form and use prepositional phrases.

### Objectives

In this playlist, the student will learn and practice how to:

- identify prepositional phrases in a sentence.
- identify the parts of a prepositional phrase.
- use prepositional phrases when writing.

### Review

#### Key Terms

- **Prepositions** connect a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence.
- **Prepositional phrases** are groups of words that act as adjectives and adverbs.
- **Adjectives** describe a noun or pronoun.
- **Adverbs** describe an adjective, verb, or another adverb.

### Exploring the Standard

Using prepositional phrases when writing can help answer questions for the reader such as *Which one?*, *When?*, *Where?*, and *How?* Writers can be more specific if they know how to form and use prepositional phrases.

#### Watch!

This song explains how prepositions are used.

- <https://www.opened.com/video/schoolhouse-rock-prepositions-youtube/178390>



**A Closer Look: Identifying a Prepositional Phrase**

Prepositional phrases can be found anywhere in a sentence. The best way to spot one is to look for the preposition that begins the phrase. Prepositions are words that describe location, direction, time, and other details. This chart lists some of the most common prepositions:

LOCATION	DIRECTION	TIME	OTHER
above	on	after	except
across	opposite	before	as
along	out (of)	at	like
at	outside	by	about
away from	over	for	with
behind	around	during	without
below	through	from	by
between	to	in	for
in front of	toward		
inside	under		
	up		

Look at these three sentences:

1. **Across** the wide, dark room, there was an odd painting.
2. The hotdog stand **on** the corner was very popular.
3. The friends ate dinner **after** practice.

The prepositional phrases are used in the beginning, middle, and end of the sentences. In each of these examples, the preposition begins the prepositional phrase.

**Watch!**

These two music videos give some examples of common prepositions:

- <https://www.opened.com/video/preposition-by-the-bazillions/117872>
- <https://www.opened.com/video/gimme-prepositional-phrase-preposition-song-youtube/117293>



## Teaching Notes: Prepositional Phrases

This playlist focuses on students not only identifying prepositional phrases but also using them in their writing. Students should understand the ways that prepositional phrases can function as adjectives and adverbs. They should be able to use prepositional phrases to answer questions such as *Which one?*, *When?*, *Where?*, and *How?*. The following information contains ideas that teachers can incorporate into their classrooms as well as additional resources to peruse and integrate into instruction as appropriate.

### Practice! Answer Key

The prepositional phrases are in bold.

Yankee Doodle went **to town**  
A-riding **on a pony**  
Stuck a feather **in his hat**  
And called it macaroni.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up  
Yankee Doodle dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
And **with the girls** be handy.

Father and I went down **to camp**  
**Along with Captain Gooding**  
And there we saw the men and boys  
As thick as hasty pudding.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up  
Yankee Doodle dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
And **with the girls** be handy.

There was Captain Washington  
**Upon a slapping stallion**  
A-giving orders **to his men**  
I guess there was a million.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up  
Yankee Doodle dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
And **with the girls** be handy.

