

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**SECONDARY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME**  
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**WEEK ELEVEN: Lesson One**

**SUBJECT:** English Language **GRADE: Eight**

**TOPIC:** Grammar

**SUB-TOPIC: PHRASE (THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE)**

**Objectives:** After examining examples of the prepositional phrase, Grade 8 students will correctly:

- (1) **Define the term phrase**
- (2) **Define the term prepositional of phrase**
- (3) **Underline the use of the prepositional phrase in given sentences**

**Concept:** A phrase does not express a complete thought or idea.

**CONTENT**

**WHAT IS A PHRASE?**

A **phrase** is a group of words that work together to make meaning, but it is not a complete sentence. In other words, it does not have both a subject and a verb.

**THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE**

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words containing a *preposition*, a noun or pronoun *object of the preposition*, and any *modifiers of the object*.

A preposition sits in front of (is “pre-positioned” before) its object.

The following words are the most commonly used prepositions:

<i>about</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>excepting</i>	<i>off</i>	<i>toward</i>
<i>above</i>	<i>beneath</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>across</i>	<i>beside(s)</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>onto</i>	<i>underneath</i>
<i>after</i>	<i>between</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>until</i>
<i>against</i>	<i>beyond</i>	<i>in front of</i>	<i>outside</i>	<i>up</i>
<i>along</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>inside</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>upon</i>

<i>among</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>in spite of</i>	<i>past</i>	<i>up to</i>
<i>around</i>	<i>concerning</i>	<i>instead of</i>	<i>regarding</i>	<i>with</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>despite</i>	<i>into</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>within</i>
<i>because of</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>without</i>
<i>before</i>	<i>during</i>	<i>near</i>	<i>throughout</i>	<i>with regard to</i>
<i>behind</i>	<i>except</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>with respect to</i>

**NOTE:** A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE USUALLY STARTS WITH A PREPOSITION AND ENDS WITH A NOUN OR PRONOUN

**EXAMPLES OF PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES**

- (1) The *book* **with the tattered cover** has been read many times.
- (2) All the *passengers* **aboard the runaway train** were frightened.
- (3) The *present* **inside the big box** is mine.
- (4) Our boss put out a *memo* **regarding the new rule.**
- (5) The *clues* **within the first few chapters** will lead to the murderer.

**ACTIVITY (1)**

**UNDERLINE THE USE OF THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES**

- (1) His is only one *voice* among many, but it will be heard.
- (2) The extra blanket is in the *box* under the bed.
- (3) *Saul*, unlike many others, will remain there.
- (4) The *car* beside the red one is the one I want to buy.
- (5) The *area* outside the boundary is dangerous to cross.
- (6) All *rooms* below deck are for sleeping.
- (7) Tell me the *story* about the dragon slayer.
- (8) *Racing* toward the finish line, Sarah realized she just might win.
- (9) My shopping list needs to be *put* into my purse.
- (10) The balloon *drifted* up the stairs.
- (11) *Put* the fresh flowers on a high shelf.

- (12) Our team *won* against all odds.
- (13) The tiger *crept* over the grass.
- (14) We will *order* pizza during halftime.
- (15) I will *climb* up the highest mountain tomorrow.

***PHRASE (THE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE)***

**ANSWER SHEET**

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