

TIP SHEET

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A *preposition* is a word that relates a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence. Following are examples of common prepositions.

about	before	by	near	to
above	behind	during	of	toward
across	below	for	off	under
after	beneath	from	on	underneath
along	beside	in	out	with
around	between	inside	over	within
at	beyond	into	through	without

- The noun or pronoun that follows a preposition is called the *object of the preposition*.
- A preposition, its object, and any words that modify the object are called a *prepositional phrase*.

We went into the house. (The preposition is *into*, *house* is its object, and *the* is an article modifying *house*.)

- Some prepositions are made up of two or more words.
They walked out of the back door.
- A preposition may have a compound object (two or more).
He started working with paint and brush.
The package was addressed to John and his brother.