

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #7

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### FOCUS      Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** is a word that shows some relationship to an object (a proper noun, a common noun, or a pronoun). The preposition is always part of a phrase. A phrase is a group of related words without a noun and connected verb. The preposition asks “What?” and the object follows with the answer. A preposition tells *when*, *where*, or *how* something happens.

#### Examples:

When it happens:	Our teacher leaned <i>against</i> the wall.	<i>against</i> what? ...the wall
Where it happens:	<i>Under</i> the bed the cat hid.	<i>Under</i> what? ...the bed
How it happens:	We travelled <i>by</i> bus.	<i>by</i> what? ...bus

### CONNECT TO WRITING

We often end spoken sentences with a preposition, but avoid this in your writing.

**Example:** Spoken sentence—“Who will you go *to*?” Written sentence—“*To whom* will you go?”

Read this list of commonly-used prepositions, and use them in your writing.

*aboard, about, above, according to, across, after, against, along, among, around, as, as to, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, but, by, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, inside, instead of, into, in place of, in spite of, like, near, next, of, off, on, onto, outside, out of, over, past, regardless of, since, than, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, unlike, until, up, upon, with, within, without*

### PRACTICE

List the prepositions in the Pledge of Allegiance at the end of each line.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States \_\_\_\_\_  
of America and to the republic for which it stands \_\_\_\_\_  
one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and \_\_\_\_\_  
justice for all.” These words are spoken in schools \_\_\_\_\_  
throughout America each day. The right hand is placed \_\_\_\_\_  
over the heart and eyes are focused on the flag. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children stand to say the pledge and give respect to our country. \_\_\_\_\_

### WRITE

Compose your own sentence or two with three different prepositional phrases.

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