

Act One Practice Sentences

For each sentence, identify the **preposition** and the *prepositional phrase*. The preposition will always be the first word of its phrase.

1. The chicken saw the beagle on the slope.
2. The sand of the dune sang a song.
3. The desert night sang a song with him.
4. The sand sang to the moon.
5. Poodle and What? walked toward the horizon.
6. From the sky, Polaris watched them.
7. What? saw the dune on the left.
8. Poodle asked the dune a question about the night.
9. At the beginning, Poodle took the lead.
10. A child read the words on the page.



Act Two: Objects of Prepositions

As Maybe slipped **behind** the curtain,
the desert stars winked on again,
and Bizzie clicked Polaris on,
and the blue dunes crooned,
and the blue wind grew cool.

Poodle and What? trekked on **under** the stars,
but What? looked puzzled.

“Define prepositions again, please,
what-what-grff,” he said, and he nuzzled
under his ears **in** the cold.





“Right,” said Poodle.

“A preposition is a word that shows
a relationship **between** its object
and another word.”

“Its **object**?” asked What?.

“What object?”

“Every preposition has its object,
which will be a noun or a pronoun,”

Poodle said. “If I say,

The moon *over the dune* crooned its tune,

over is the preposition,

(*over* is a relationship of space),

dune is its object,

and *moon* is the other word.

The preposition always comes first,
and then you have a noun or pronoun
that is its object.”

