

Let us look at some more examples.

1. Here we see an action verb, *asked*, but there is no direct object. No noun gets asked. The noun *snack* cannot be a direct object because it is in a prepositional phrase. The object of a preposition can *never* be a direct object. The monsters did not ask the snack!

Three	surly	monsters	asked	for	a	snack.
adj.	adj.	n.	v.	prep.	adj.	n.
		subj.	AVP			
						---prep. phrase--

2. In this next sentence, we see a linking verb, *was*, with a subject complement, *scary*; the adjective *scary* modifies the noun *monster*, and the prepositional phrase also acts as an adjective to modify *monster*.

The	monster	in	the	shadows	was	scary.
adj.	n.	prep.	adj.	n.	v.	adj.
	subj.				LVP	S.C.
						-----prep. phrase-----

Act Seven Practice Sentences

For each sentence, identify the *prepositional phrase*, the **preposition**, the **object** of the preposition, and the **word** that the prepositional phrase modifies. Then tell whether the preposition is acting as an adjective or an adverb.

1. Three monsters danced in a line.
2. The monster with feathers was a good dancer.
3. What? barked at the monsters as they danced.
4. From the cave, the monster could see the dune.
5. The monsters ate their lunch near the cave.
6. Three monsters slid down the dune together.
7. The monster with the sharp teeth told a joke.
8. After the dance, the monsters took a nap.