



What the preposition does
is show the relationship
between its object
(the object of the preposition)
and another word in the sentence.

If I say

the man on the sidewalk

on shows the relationship in space
between its object *sidewalk*
and the noun *man*.

Taken as a whole,
the prepositional phrase is a modifier;
it acts like a big adjective or adverb,
depending upon what it modifies.

ADJ: The building on the corner is nice.

ADV: The ice cream man **went** down the block.