



Key Points about Prepositional Phrases

A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition that shows the relationship between its object, which is usually a noun or an object pronoun, and some other word in the sentence.

Prepositional phrases are always modifiers.

If a prepositional phrase is acting as an adjective, it comes immediately after the noun or pronoun it modifies:

The center *of the old town* needed repairs.

If it acts as an adverb, it can come in a number of places, including at the beginning of a sentence:

From the start Sarah led the race.

Notice that prepositional phrases do not have subjects and predicates.

No phrases have them.

The typical prepositional phrase begins with a preposition, then has an adjective that modifies a noun:

on the sidewalk.