

Quiz for Lessons 181 - 185

Parts of the Sentence - Prepositional Phrases

A *prepositional phrase* may be used as an **adjective** telling *which* or *what kind* and modifying a **noun** or **pronoun**. An *adjective prepositional phrase* will come right after the noun or pronoun that it modifies. If there are two *adjective prepositional phrases* together, one will follow the other.

A *prepositional phrase* may be used as an **adverb** telling *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why* and modifying the **verb** and sometimes an **adjective**. *Adverb prepositional phrases* can come anywhere in the sentence and can be moved within the sentence without changing the meaning.

Only *adjective prepositional phrases* modify the *object* of the *preposition* in another prepositional phrase. Notice that some prepositional phrases may be adverbs or adjectives because of their location in the sentence.

Instructions: Pick out the *prepositional phrases* in these sentences, identify what they tell us, and what they modify.

1. The librarian took from her desk a new edition of one of the classics.
2. It was placed in the display case in the corner of the library.
3. Many books of mysteries and detective stories are found in the library.
4. One story about magic appears in our literature book.
5. This story contains clues to the solution of the mystery.

6. I have read many stories by Arthur Conan Doyle about Sherlock Holmes.

7. A wall of ancient Pompeii was discovered accidentally by an ordinary peasant.