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Prepositions

Preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun and another word in the sentence.

Identify the preposition in the following sentences (it will be the word that shows the relationship between the frog and the log):

1. The frog jumped off the log.
2. The frog swam around the log.
3. The frog came before the log.
4. The frog sat between two logs.

Prepositions are always part of a prepositional phrase, which consists of a preposition and its object (either a pronoun or a noun and any words that modify or describe that noun.)

Identify the prepositional phrase in the following sentences:

5. The two lovebirds strolled along the riverbank.
6. There is no oxygen beyond Earth's atmosphere, so you can't breathe in space.
7. I bought a present for my grandma.
8. The previous gold-medal winner flew past the other runners.

Wordplay - Just for fun!  
DESCRAMBLER: Try to sort out the five scrambled words below:  
DREA    FTAER    LTYSFO    DIEOTHU    PSIONOED

Ten-Minute Grammar

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Prepositions

When a sentence starts with a prepositional phrase, you should usually put a comma after the phrase.

Where should you add a comma in the following sentences?

1. On the other side of the field the receiving team waited.
2. From this day forward I will be a better friend.
3. After school we should go to your house and play basketball.
4. Without her computer Mary wasn't able to get much homework done.

Identify the prepositional phrases in these passages from Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card:

5. All the boys are organized into armies. Day after day, in zero gravity, there are mock battles. Nobody gets hurt, but winning and losing matter. Everybody starts as a common soldier, taking orders. Older boys are your officers, and it's their duty to train you and command you in battle.
6. Ender knew what was happening from the moment they brought him in. Everyone expected him to go commander early. Perhaps not *this* early, but he had topped the standings almost continuously for three years, no one else was remotely close to him, and his evening practices had become the most prestigious group in the school.

Wordplay - Just for fun!  
COMBINATOR: The vowel combination "au" usually makes the "aw" sound found in "saw." List as many words as you can that contain "au."

Ten-Minute Grammar

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Prepositions

Read the following excerpt from Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card. Then answer the four questions below:

(a) Ender was the last one out after practice, since he stayed to help some of the slower ones improve on technique. (b) They'd had good teachers, but the inexperienced soldiers fresh out of their launch groups were completely helpless when it came to doing two or three things at the same time.

1. Find at least two prepositions in sentence (a).
2. Is the word "but" in sentence (b) a preposition?
3. Is the phrase "when it came" in sentence (b) a prepositional phrase?
4. Is the phrase "at the same time" in sentence (b) a prepositional phrase?

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt:

He was early at being a comander, and the teachers where changing the rules now. Their was no guarantee that theyd give him the usual three months to get his army together befour sending them, into battle.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **FOUR-LETTER WORDS:** Take the four-letter word below and change one letter to make a new four-letter word (keep it clean!) Then take *that* word and change one letter to make a new word. Then take *that* word and... You get the picture.
- SPLIT**

Ten-Minute Grammar

Extra  
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Prepositions

Read the following excerpt from Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card. Then answer the four questions below:

(a) The lights went full, and Major Anderson himself came through the teahergate at the south end of the battleroom. (b) He looked very solemn as he offered Ender the teacher hook that was ritually given to the victor in the game. (c) Ender used it to thaw his own army's flash suits, of course, and he assembled them in toons before thawing the enemy.

1. There are three prepositions in sentence (a). What are they?
2. Is the word "as" in sentence (b) a preposition?
3. Find at least one prepositional phrase in sentence (b).
4. What kind of word is "and" in sentence (c)?

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt:

Carn Carby came to ender as soon as he was unfrozen He was a twelve-year-old, which had apparently made commander only in his last year, at the school. so he wasn't cocky, like the ones the ones who made it at eleven.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

- **RHYME THYME:** Time to think like a rapper. How many rhymes can you come up with for the following word?
- ATTACK**