

Unit 12 - Prepositions

Lesson 1 - Derivation of preposition and the prepositional phrase

Discuss

- Think of English words that have the prefix pre- . What do they have in common?
e.g. *pre-kindergarten = before kindergarten*
- Break down the word preposition.
pre- = before, position = where something is placed
A preposition by definition is something that is placed before another word and so should not end up being the last word in a sentence.
"That is the type of impudence up with which I shall not put." Sir Winston Churchill
- Give a few examples of prepositional phrases, and ask the students to figure out before what kinds of words prepositions are placed.
e.g. *under the moon, with her, before the cold winter*
- Prepositions are put before noun and pronouns. There may be adjectives and articles with the nouns.
- The preposition together with the noun or pronoun is called a prepositional phrase and it gives details about when or where something is with respect to this noun or pronoun.
- Prepositional phrase formula:
preposition + noun
preposition + pronoun
preposition + noun with adjectives
- The function of the noun or pronoun after the preposition is called the object of the preposition. Object forms of pronouns must be used.
e.g. *around them*
- Have the class generate a list of prepositions.

Activity

Have a student use the class prop to illustrate and recite a list of prepositions. The student can hold the frog next to a desk, under it, over it, around it, etc.

Homework

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Terms

prepositional phrase

object of a preposition