

Exercise: Prepositional Phrases

Find and put parentheses () around the prepositional phrases in the sentences below by following these steps:

- Find the prepositions in the sentence. Use the list of prepositions to check whether or not a word is a preposition. Not all small words are prepositions. Don't feel you need to memorize the list. You will find yourself using the list less and less as the term progresses.
- Place a parenthesis *before* the preposition.
- Say the preposition and ask WHOM? or WHAT? to find the noun or pronoun that is the object of the preposition.
- Place the second parenthesis *after* the object of the preposition. You have now marked a prepositional phrase.

1. The teacher hurried (to the classroom.)
2. George went (with them) willingly.
3. The children were fascinated (by the exotic fish) (in the aquarium.)
4. We found twenty-five species (of wildflowers) (in one afternoon.)
5. Several tomato plants were growing (among the bean and pepper plants.)
6. The story is (about the relationship) (between a boy and his dog.)
7. The rose (on the table) and the peonies (in the jar) were grown (in her garden.)
8. My grandmother's garden is one (of her great pleasures) (in life.)
9. The reason (for his rudeness) (during the lecture) is unknown (to anyone) (at this meeting.)
10. (In the rear seat) (of the huge limousine) sat a rock star (with her bodyguard and entourage.)