

Where and When Sort

Find sentences with prepositional phrases.

2.L.GC.1.27 "Grammar: Form and use prepositional phrases. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

HAS A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

This sentence has a group of words that tells where or when something happens.

Zara dances near fountains.

NO PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

This sentence does not have a group of words that tells where or when something happens.

Robots beep.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag for each sentence, then pick two items and explain which words helped you decide.

1. Squirrels race around the oak.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

2. The lantern hangs beside the gate.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

3. Birds sing.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

4. Snow falls in January.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

5. I smile.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

6. The drums boom.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

7. A cloud drifts above town.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

8. We read after dinner.

HAS PHRASE

NO PHRASE

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence with a prepositional phrase and one new sentence with no prepositional phrase.

HAS PHRASE _____

NO PHRASE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two prepositional phrases. Underline both phrases.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Squirrels race around the oak.	HAS PHRASE	"around the oak" tells where the squirrels race.
2	The lantern hangs beside the gate.	HAS PHRASE	"beside the gate" tells where the lantern hangs.
3	Birds sing.	NO PHRASE	The sentence does not tell where or when birds sing with a prepositional phrase.
4	Snow falls in January.	HAS PHRASE	"in January" tells when snow falls.
5	I smile.	NO PHRASE	The sentence has no prepositional phrase.
6	The drums boom.	NO PHRASE	The sentence has no prepositional phrase.
7	A cloud drifts above town.	HAS PHRASE	"above town" tells where the cloud drifts.
8	We read after dinner.	HAS PHRASE	"after dinner" tells when we read.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **HAS PHRASE:** The painter works inside the studio.
- **NO PHRASE:** My uncle snores.

Challenge: The rabbit hides under the bench after school.

Accept other correct sentences that match each category. For Part 2, students should name the words that tell where or when, or explain that no such group of words appears.