

Phrase Detectives

Find the sentences with extra place or time details.

3.L.GC.1.27 "Grammar: Form and use prepositional phrases. (Continue)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

SENTENCE WITH A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

This sentence has a group of words that begins with a preposition and adds a detail about where or when.

The lantern glowed beside the tent.

SENTENCE WITHOUT A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

This sentence does not have a group of words that begins with a preposition.

Rabbits nibble carrots.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle HAS PHRASE or NO PHRASE for each sentence, then choose two item numbers and explain which words helped you sort each one.

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| 1. The kite landed on the fence. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 2. Bees buzzed around the flowers. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 3. Maya laughed loudly. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 4. After lunch, we read quietly. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 5. The puppies chased each other. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 6. Dad fixed the broken lamp. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 7. A coin rolled under the sofa. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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| 8. Snow covered the sidewalk. | <input type="button" value="HAS PHRASE"/> | <input type="button" value="NO PHRASE"/> |
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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 without a prepositional phrase.

HAS PHRASE _____

NO PHRASE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that has two prepositional phrases.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The kite landed on the fence.	HAS PHRASE	"on the fence" begins with the preposition "on" and tells where.
2	Bees buzzed around the flowers.	HAS PHRASE	"around the flowers" begins with the preposition "around" and tells where.
3	Maya laughed loudly.	NO PHRASE	There is no prepositional phrase.
4	After lunch, we read quietly.	HAS PHRASE	"After lunch" begins with the preposition "after" and tells when.
5	The puppies chased each other.	NO PHRASE	There is no prepositional phrase.
6	Dad fixed the broken lamp.	NO PHRASE	There is no prepositional phrase.
7	A coin rolled under the sofa.	HAS PHRASE	"under the sofa" begins with the preposition "under" and tells where.
8	Snow covered the sidewalk.	NO PHRASE	There is no prepositional phrase.

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 drummer played during the parade.
- **NO PHRASE:** Stars twinkled.

Challenge: The child placed the book on the shelf after dinner.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the prepositional phrase and tell that it gives a where or when detail. In the challenge sample, "on the shelf" and "after dinner" are the two prepositional phrases.