

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** begins a group of words called a **prepositional phrase**. The noun or pronoun that follows the preposition is called the **object of the preposition**. Prepositional phrases provide details about the rest of the sentence.

Animation is created from careful drawings. (preposition)

Animation is created from careful drawings. (prepositional phrase)

Animation is created from careful drawings. (object of the preposition)

Common Prepositions

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|---------|---------|------|------|---------|-------|
| about | around | by | into | over | until |
| above | at | down | near | through | up |
| across | before | for | of | to | with |
| after | below | from | on | toward | |
| against | between | in | onto | under | |

Directions Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Circle the preposition.

1. The first animated cartoons were made by Walt Disney.
2. Disney created Mickey Mouse in 1928.
3. This film used sound for the first time.
4. Viewers loved the little mouse with the silly grin.
5. Mickey's looks changed over time.
6. Today he is beloved around the world.
7. Many millions of people visit Disney World and Disneyland.
8. There you can see Mickey strolling across the grounds.

Directions Write *P* if the underlined word is a preposition. Write *O* if it is the object of the preposition.

9. Animated movies have been around for a long time. _____
10. Disney produced *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* in 1937. _____
11. Each image in that movie was hand drawn. _____
12. Every movement of a character requires hundreds of drawings. _____
13. Compare this movie with a newer cartoon film such as *Mulan*. _____
14. Computers make life easier for the cartoon artist. _____
15. Animated movies draw huge crowds into the theaters. _____
16. People of all ages love these entertaining films. _____