

Phrases

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A **phrase** is a group of words which does not contain a verb. We use phrases to improve our sentences. The phrases on this sheet all begin with a preposition.
For example, under, in and against are prepositions and can begin prepositional phrases.

1. Underline the most suitable phrase to complete each sentence.

- (a) The plane flew high (below the trees, under the smoke, above the clouds).
- (b) Taylor hit the cricket ball (into his pocket, along the ground, over the mountain).
- (c) It was dangerous to play (with a friend, near deep water, on the sand).
- (d) An exhausted runner collapsed (on the track, in the pool, at the party).
- (e) Jacinta hid (on the table, under the cup, behind the curtain).
- (f) Her yellow rose grew (under the soil, against the fence, on the roof).
- (g) A thief stole money (up his nose, below the water, from her purse).
- (h) These large animals hunt (in the dark, in the kitchen, at Christmas).
- (i) The swimmers were nervous (after the swim, during the race, before the start).
- (j) All ten of us had a picnic (in the car, on the fence, beside the lake).

