

# 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 convey locations, time, directions, or details about the rest of the sentence.

Animation is created from careful drawings. (preposition)

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

## Common Prepositions

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.

- The first animated cartoons were made by Walt Disney.
- Disney created Mickey Mouse in 1928.
- This film used sound for the first time.
- Viewers loved the little mouse with the silly grin.
- Mickey's looks changed over time.
- Today he is beloved around the world.
- Many millions of people visit Disney World and Disneyland.
- 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.

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