

Grammar Assignment: Week 4 (Assignment 1)

Preposition: word that relates a noun or pronoun that appears with it to another word in the sentence (Ex: The ball is **behind** the tree. The player stood **next to** the coach.)

Prepositional Phrase: a group of words that includes a preposition and a noun or a pronoun. The noun or pronoun are generally found after the preposition and are referred to as the *object(s) of the preposition* (Ex: The ball is **behind the tree**. The player stood **next to the coach**.)

Directions: Identify the prepositional phrase by underlining it. Then circle the preposition within the prepositional phrase.

- 1) He who falls today may rise tomorrow.
- 2) The rich person is richer when he becomes poor, than the poor person when he becomes rich.
- 3) Did you know that when you lie down on the land, you can feel it breath?
- 4) The August sun promised a dry afternoon in Augascalientes, Mexico.
- 5) After their Quinceaneras, they would be old enough to be courted, marry, and become las patronas, the heads of their households.
- 6) Tomorrow was her birthday and she knew that she would be serenaded at sunrise.
- 7) Several years ago, when Esperanza was a young girl, Mama and Papa had been discussing boys from “good families” whom Esperanza should meet someday.

- 8) **Right now you are in the bottom of the valley and your problems loom big around you. But soon, you will be at the top of the mountain again.**
- 9) **Sadness and anger tangled in Esperanza's stomach as she thought of all that she was leaving: her friends and her school, her life as it once was, and Abuelita.**
- 10) **And what is your purpose for entering the United States?**
- 11) **Esperanza tried to imagine conditions that were more shabby than this room that was covered in newspapers to keep out the wind.**
- 12) **That night, no one mentioned the number of rinsed and wrung diapers in the washtub outside the door.**
- 13) **She should be in the hospital. She's very weak but more than that, she is depressed and needs nursing around the clock if she is to get stronger.**
- 14) **Isabel had nothing, but she also had everything. Esperanza wanted what she had. She wanted so few worries that something as simple as a yarn doll would make her happy.**
- 15) **Esperanza reached for Miguel's hand and found it, and even though her mind was soaring to infinite possibilities, his touch held her to the earth.**