

In the Cave



When we went to explore
the cave on the shore,
here's what we found . . .

a rusty tin,
a bottle with a message in,
an old and crumpled treasure map,
a brass badge from a sailor's cap,
strips of canvas from a sail,
planks from a ship wrecked in a gale,
slimy seaweed, polished stones,
shiny shells and whitened bones.

In the cave that's what we found,
scattered on the sandy ground.

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Noun Phrases/Prepositions – Revision Card

Expanding Noun Phrases using Prepositional Phrases

We can expand **noun phrases** by adding adjectives, adverbs and determiners.

the rather ingenious detective bear



We can also expand **noun phrases** by adding a prepositional phrase after the head noun.

the bear with a rather helpful magnifying glass

Prepositions

Prepositions tell us how words are related.

of
with
without
by
from
above
on
over
outside
between
inside
under
below

Prepositions are useful for adding extra information about a **noun**.

Expanded Noun Phrases

You can develop an **expanded noun phrase** by adding a **prepositional phrase**.

an old, cloudy bottle

an old, cloudy bottle with a message in

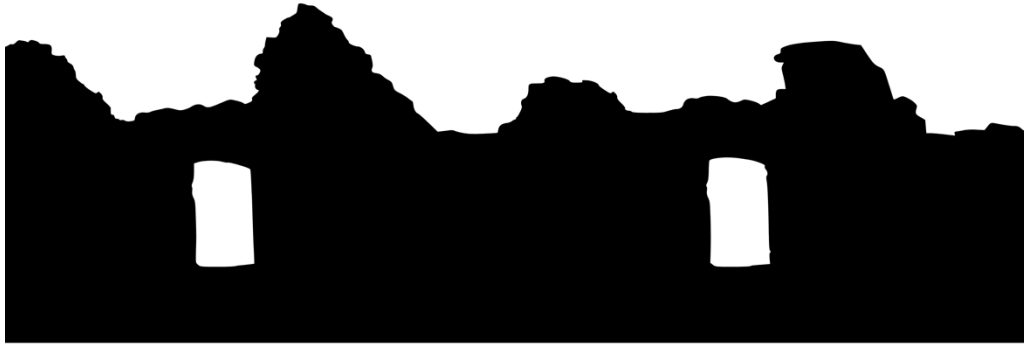
an old, cloudy bottle on the beach

an old, cloudy bottle from foreign shores

The **prepositional phrase** modifies the **noun**.

Prepositions
with, of
by, from
on, under, below,
between, inside,
next to, over, by, in

Poem-Planning



1. Imagine a mysterious, ruined castle.
2. **Write a list of what you might find there.** Keep going until you have at least ten.
(e.g. *a hidden box, a sword, jewels, a map, etc.*)
3. Choose one noun as your head noun. **Build a noun phrase around this head noun**, using a preposition to introduce a prepositional phrase.
(e.g. *a shining sword under the pile of rocks*)
4. Repeat this until you have **lots of noun phrases** to choose from.
5. **Pick your best six** and reread them, thinking about the impact. **Edit** so that your words are really powerful.
(e.g. ~~very~~ *remarkably bold, ~~bright~~ jewel-eyed foxes*)
6. **Write your noun phrases as a list poem**, in a similar style to *In the Cave*. Choose interesting verbs to introduce each object.

e.g.

At the castle

We found a shining sword under the dark pile of rocks.

We saw a single crow in the clear blue air above us.

We discovered a hidden box inside the thick walls.

Word Bank



Prepositions

with
of
by
from
on
under
below
between
inside
next to
over
by
in

Verbs

discovered
exposed
found
searched out
unearthed
spotted
saw
noticed
discerned
unearthed
came across
chanced upon