Preposition or Adverb? • Practice 1

A preposition will always be part of a prepositional phrase. An adverb can stand alone.

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**Exercise 1**  Distinguishing Between Prepositions and Adverbs. Write preposition or adverb for the underlined words in the sentences below.

**EXAMPLE:** Sign your name on the line below.     _adverb_

1. We watched the clouds float by.                      
2. Turn left just beyond the apple orchard.              
3. Did you bring the paper in?                           
4. A large crowd gathered outside the ticket office.     
5. The skis are in the garage behind the sleds.          
6. These belong in the cupboard below the kitchen sink.  
7. The concert was planned by the performers themselves. 
8. Remember to leave your rubber shoes outside.         
9. Did you see the headline in tonight's paper?          
10. We seem to have left Robbie behind.                   

**Exercise 2**  Writing Prepositions and Adverbs in Sentences. Write two sentences for each word in parentheses below. In the first sentence, use the word as a preposition; in the second, use it as an adverb.

**EXAMPLE:** (besides)  _Besides Alice, we should invite Mark and Kathy._

1. (above)                                                                                       
2. (inside)                                                                                      
3. (off)                                                                                         
4. (near)                                                                                        
5. (underneath)                                                                                  

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Preposition or Adverb? • Practice 2

Exercise 1  Recognizing Prepositions and Adverbs. Write preposition or adverb for the underlined word in each sentence below.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Elliot stopped by.  ___adverb___

1. Marilyn sat down.  
2. The plumber went down the stairs.  
3. The runners stood behind the white line.  
4. The runner fell behind.  
5. I saw you leap across and run away.  
6. Ben ran across the street.  
7. I asked Jane to come inside for a chat.  
8. Mary placed the casserole inside the oven.  
9. I read past the second chapter.  
10. The train roared past.  


1. The child came out.  
2. Helen raced out the door.  
3. Miriam has been waiting since last Tuesday.  
4. No one has visited since.  
5. We took the notice off the bulletin board.  
6. After dinner, they took off for the movies.  
7. Mark painted on the smooth surface.  
8. After you brush your teeth, put your shoes on.  
9. This chair spins around.  
10. A new store opened around the corner.  

Writing Application  Using Prepositions and Adverbs in Sentences. Write two sentences for each word in parentheses below. In the first sentence, use the word as a preposition; in the second, use it as an adverb.

1. (after)  
2. (before)  
3. (over)  
4. (off)  
5. (around)  