

A prepositional phrase is  
PREPOSITION + OBJECT  
and all the adjectives in between.

Any word that fits into this sentence is a preposition:

Joe Squirrel can run \_\_\_\_\_ a tree.

up	down	around	through
before	after	into	in
outside	off	from	toward

and many many more!

Also prepositions: of                      during                      but  
even though they don't fit in the sentence above.

**DON'T BE FOOLED!**

If it doesn't have an object, it isn't being used as a preposition.

Go to the door and let your grandmother in.

Where are you at?

Come over to my house after school.

Will you turn on the light for me?

Cross out the wrong answers, and write in the correct ones  
on the appropriate lines.

Fill in this form and bring it back to me tomorrow.

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If there's a subject/verb combo after the preposition, then the preposition is not being used as a preposition, and this is not a prepositional phrase.

After the tornado drill, we returned to class.

After we had a tornado drill, we went back to class.

Since we fought, he and I haven't spoken to each other.

Since he and I fought, we haven't spoken.

Since our fight, we haven't spoken.

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If the preposition TO is followed by a verb, then TO is not being used as a preposition.

NOTE: This rule does not work with any other preposition!

Firemen are trained to save us in the event of a fire.

They know how to enter a building and get themselves out safely.

They know how to bring people out with them.

Firemen are good at putting out fires.

Firemen are famous for their love of putting themselves at risk to help others.