

There are six important ways we use prepositional phrases

1) To give more information about an action (as a modifier to a verb):

sleep throughout the winter

danced atop the tables for hours

2) To give more information about a thing or person (as a modifier to a noun):

the **weather** in May

cheese from France with live bacteria

3) As the object, or complement, of a verb

insist on staying home

dispose of unwanted items

4) To specify a noun, as the complement of that noun

a **thirst** for revenge

an **amendment** to the constitution

5) As the complement of an adjective or adverb

attentive to their needs

separately from its neighbors

6) As the complement of another preposition

until after supper

from beneath the bed

- Look at your own writing.
- Can you identify how you are using prepositional phrases?
- Are you using the correct preposition?
- Check any good grammar book for a list of prepositions and their common usages.