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Prepositions Worksheet 1

Prepositional Phrases

Key Rules to Remember

- A prepositional phrase starts with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun (e.g. under the longship, before the raid).
- A prepositional phrase can tell us about time, place or cause.
- When a prepositional phrase starts a sentence, it is called a fronted adverbial and is usually followed by a comma (e.g. Before dawn, the warriors set sail.).

Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence, then write it on the line below.

1. The warriors sailed across the stormy sea.

Answer: _____

2. Before the battle, the chief inspected his shield.

Answer: _____

3. The village was hidden behind the tall cliffs.

Answer: _____

4. The longship arrived during the freezing winter.

Answer: _____

5. Because of the fierce storm, the sailors turned back.

Answer: _____

Choose the word that best completes each sentence, then write the letter of your answer on the line below.

6. The Vikings travelled _____ the vast ocean.

- A) across
- B) under
- C) before
- D) because of

Answer: _____

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7. The warriors gathered _____ the great hall.

- A) inside
- B) after
- C) since
- D) because of

Answer: _____

8. The raid took place _____ the harvest season.

- A) during
- B) above
- C) beside
- D) against

Answer: _____

9. The shield wall stood _____ the enemy's arrows.

- A) against
- B) during
- C) since
- D) between

Answer: _____

10. The village was destroyed _____ the surprise attack.

- A) because of
- B) above
- C) beside
- D) until

Answer: _____

Read each question carefully, then write the letter of the correct answer on the line below.

11. Which sentence correctly punctuates a fronted adverbial?

- A) Before the raid, the warriors prayed.
- B) Before the raid the warriors prayed.
- C) Before, the raid the warriors prayed.
- D) Before the raid the, warriors prayed.

Answer: _____

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12. Which of these is a prepositional phrase?

- A) ran quickly
- B) under the shield
- C) very brave
- D) warriors fought

Answer: _____

13. Which sentence uses a prepositional phrase to show time?

- A) During the winter, food was scarce.
- B) Under the ice, fish swam slowly.
- C) Beside the fire, they told stories.
- D) Inside the longhouse, they slept.

Answer: _____

14. Which sentence uses a prepositional phrase to show cause?

- A) Because of the storm, the voyage was delayed.
- B) Before the storm, the sky turned grey.
- C) During the storm, the sailors held on tightly.
- D) After the storm, the sun came out.

Answer: _____

15. Which of these is NOT a prepositional phrase?

- A) beneath the shield
- B) during the night
- C) very quickly
- D) beside the fire

Answer: _____

Read each sentence carefully, then write the letter of the correct answer on the line below.

16. Which words form the prepositional phrase in this sentence?

"The warriors marched beneath the ancient oak trees."

- A) The warriors
- B) marched beneath
- C) beneath the ancient oak trees
- D) ancient oak trees

Answer: _____

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17. Which words form the prepositional phrase in this sentence?

"Since the invasion, the village has changed forever."

- A) Since the invasion
- B) the village has
- C) changed forever
- D) has changed

Answer:

18. Which words form the prepositional phrase in this sentence?

"The chief stood between his two sons."

- A) The chief stood
- B) between his two sons
- C) his two sons
- D) stood between

Answer:

19. Which words form the prepositional phrase in this sentence?

"Because of the heavy snow, the journey was delayed."

- A) Because of the heavy snow
- B) the journey was
- C) was delayed
- D) heavy snow

Answer:

20. Which words form the prepositional phrase in this sentence?

"The treasure was buried beneath the frozen ground."

- A) The treasure was
- B) buried beneath
- C) beneath the frozen ground
- D) frozen ground

Answer:
