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A prepositional phrase consists of a preposition plus a noun, a pronoun, or a group of words that serves as a noun. Prepositional phrases usually **function as adjectives or adverbs** within a sentence.

Some common prepositions:

| about | before | except for | of | throughout |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| above | behind | excepting | off | till |
| according to | below | for | on | to |
| across | beneath | from | onto | toward |
| after | beside | in | on top of | under |
| against | between | in addition to | out | underneath |
| along | beyond | inside | out of | unlike |
| along with | by | inside of | outside | until |
| among | concerning | in spite of | over | up |
| around | despite | instead of | past | upon |
| as | down | into | regarding | up to |
| aside from | due to | like | round | with |
| at | during | near | since | within |
| because of | except | next to | through | without |

Transitional Expressions:

Transitional expressions are used to form connections between sentences and paragraphs. They may be used to add or show sequence; to compare; to contrast; to give examples or intensify; to indicate place; to indicate time; to repeat, summarize, or conclude; or to show cause or effect.

Commonly used transitional terms:

| However | finally | as a result | on the other hand |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Furthermore | moreover | then | in addition |
| Therefore | also | first | consequently |
| For instance | otherwise | second | in other words |
| For example | likewise | next | meanwhile |

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