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Prepositions

EXERCISE 1 Identifying Prepositions

Underline the prepositions in the following sentences. **Hint:** Some prepositions are composed of more than one word.

EXAMPLE According to a book I read, more than twenty men died during the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.

1. This bridge spans the East River in New York City, linking Manhattan to Brooklyn.
2. Brooklyn Bridge was the greatest achievement of American civil engineer John Roebling.
3. Roebling was born in 1806 in what is now Germany.
4. Emigrating to the United States at the age of 25, he eventually built a successful factory that produced wire cable.
5. The state of New York offered Roebling the huge challenge of building a bridge across the East River because of his success with long-span suspension bridges.
6. Sadly, he died at the outset of construction in 1869.
7. His death resulted from a fatal illness that was caused by an accident at the building site.
8. Roebling's son Washington brought the construction of the bridge to completion.
9. The bridge was completed in 1883 after 14 years of work.
10. Washington Roebling finished the project in spite of a crippling illness.

EXERCISE 2 Distinguishing Prepositions and Adverbs

Determine whether each italicized word is a preposition or an adverb, writing *P* for preposition and *A* for adverb. Underline any prepositional phrases.

EXAMPLE *A* Even *after* he became crippled, Washington Roebling exercised control over the building of the Brooklyn Bridge.

1. ___ Confined *inside*, Roebling observed the construction through field glasses.
2. ___ Since Roebling could not go *out of* his apartment, his wife Emily carried messages to the building site.
3. ___ When work on the bridge was *through*, New York City marked its completion with a big celebration.
4. ___ *For* Americans of this time, the Brooklyn Bridge became a symbol of U.S. achievement.
5. ___ Due to the bridge's power and beauty, the hearts of many Americans were lifted *up*.

To tell whether a word is a preposition or an adverb, look for prepositional phrases. If the word does not start a prepositional phrase, it is an adverb.

Adverb:

My journey was over quickly.

Preposition:

My journey was over the mountains.