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Prepositional Phrases

A preposition connects a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence, showing the relationship between them. Prepositions usually answer the questions where? or when?, telling about a person or object's location in either time or space.

The prepositional phrase has several parts: the preposition itself, an article (like a, an, or the), and a noun which is called the object of the preposition.

The boy walked **down the street**.

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I celebrate my birthday **at home**.

I was born in **Saudi Arabia**.

I was born **on Dec. 28**.

Prepositional phrase	Example
Time on (a day OR date) in (a month)	I stay up late on Eid Al-Fitir's Eve . New Year's Eve is on December 31 . My birthday is in December .
Location in (a place OR country) at (a place OR event)	Eid al-Fitir is very popular in the Muslim world . I celebrate my birthday at home .
Direction to (a place)	I always go to the Mall of Dhahran .

Complete the sentences with in, on, at, or.

1. Ahmad's birthday is December 3.
2. Ahmad's friends usually come his apartment.
3. Ahmad always has fun his birthday.
4. New year's Eve is December .
5. Halloween is a traditional holiday the USA.
6. People sing or dance the National Day.

Adverbs of Frequency

- Adverbs of frequency describe how often someone does something.
- **Always, usually, normally, often, sometimes, rarely, never** are adverbs of frequency.
- The simple present tense is usually used with adverbs of frequency.

The position of these adverbs is:

1. Before the main verb.

	Adverb of frequency	verb	
I	always	get up	at 5:00 .
Ahmad	usually	plays	football on Friday.
Amal	never	gets	lots of homework.

2. After the verb to be (am, are, is)

	Verb	Adverb of frequency	
Zahra	is	never	late.
We	are	always	on time.
You	are	usually	polite.

Rewrite the complete sentence using the adverb of frequency in brackets in its correct position.

1. They go to the movies. **(often)**
2. She listens to classical music. **(rarely)**
3. He reads the newspaper. **(sometimes)**
4. Sara smiles. **(never)**
5. She complains about her husband. **(always)**
6. I drink coffee. **(sometimes)**
7. He feels terrible. **(usually)**
8. I go jogging in the morning. **(always)**
9. She helps her daughter with her homework. **(never)**
10. We watch television in the evening. **(always)**
11. I smoke. **(never)**