Prepositions are words that show the relationship between a noun and another word or element in the sentence.

ex. Any word that describes the relationship between a caterpillar and an apple.

The caterpillar crawled down the apple.
She swam across the lake.

Prepositional Phrases
Prepositions are always found in prepositional phrases. Phrases are groups of words that lack a subject or verb.

When in Rome...

Prepositional phrases consist of a preposition and a noun. This noun is called the object of the preposition and it always follows the preposition.

One must never chew gum in class.

(The underlined word is the preposition and the highlighted word is the object of the preposition.)
Prepositions

Prepositional phrases may also include adjectives or adverbs.

*After* this extremely fun tutoring session...

**Unnecessary Prepositions**
Be wary of unnecessary prepositions.

She met up with the new coach in the hallway.
Where did they go to?

**Parallelism**
When two words or phrases are used in parallel (close together) and require the same preposition, the preposition does not have to be used twice.

You can wear that outfit in summer and in winter.

**Preposition List**
Note that this list contains prepositions that are one word, two words, and three words. Sometimes words come together to make one preposition.

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Prepositions

Practice

Around the world ___ any given time, someone is celebrating a holiday.

A. at
B. on

___ the longest day of the year, some people celebrate the Summer Solstice.

A. on
B. in

The Star Trek television and movies have been around ___ forty-one years.

A. for
B. during
C. since

Many people have been loyal fans ___ the debut of the Friends in 1994.

A. for
B. during
C. since

Ever year ___ July 4\(^{th}\), a hot dog eating contest takes place ___ Brooklyn, New York.

Contestants try to eat a large number ___ hot dogs ___ twelve minutes.

The contest was held ___ a pizzeria called Mama Mia’s ___ an amusement park.

Which prepositions are correct and incorrect?

1. The crystals and polished stones are also important for the ancient religion of the Kongo.
2. The home belonged with Sarah and was in Tulare, California.
3. The movie starts at 8:15 tonight; however, do you know where it is at?
4. I grew up with North Plains, Nebraska, on a shady quiet street at the old section of town.

Find out more. Search the web or a grammar book for: prepositions or prepositional phrases.