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Classifying Prepositional Phrases as Adjectives and Adverbs – More Practice

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The prepositional phrase *in the street* tells **which** boy.

- A prepositional phrase acts as an adverb when it modifies (describes) a verb. A phrase used as an **adverb** usually answers these questions: **How? Why? Where? or When?**

Example: Megan eats lunch every day *in the cafeteria*.

The prepositional phrase *in the cafeteria* tells **where** Megan ate lunch.

Directions: Underline each prepositional phrase, and classify it as an adjective or adverb. The first one is done for you. *Draw an arrow to the word the phrase modifies*

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- During spring break, friends from my hometown and I went to Sunset Beach.
- Tacoma Community College is hosting a writers' conference in November.
- Lindsay lives in a remodeled house originally built in 1898.
- Stan bought a black jacket with white stripes on the sleeves.
- Return all DVDs to the video store by 9:00 p.m.
- Koala bears are found only in certain parts of Australia.
- I mailed the rest of my invitations for Cory's birthday party at the post office.
- The teacher gave directions for the exam and then sat down at the back of the room.
- The length of a football field is a hundred and twenty yards.
- Olympia, the capital of Washington State, is located on Puget Sound.
- The parking places for company executives are near the entrance of the building.
- Our grandparents always go to the Rocky Mountains for their vacation.
- Millions of people around the world watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon in 1969.
- Maria's expensive mountain bike needed new parts after an accident on a rugged trail.
- The large waves of the incoming tide are washing away my sandcastle.
- A mother bear with two cubs has moved into the state park campgrounds near Dow Mountain.
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