

The Preposition

Suppose you are telling someone how you will be spending the evening. You might say, “I am going *to* the movies. A friend is coming *with* me.” Words such as *to* and *with* show connection among words.

A preposition is a word that shows a relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence. A preposition is the first word of a prepositional phrase. Prepositional phrases give information about ideas in sentences.

In Chapter 7, you will learn about prepositions, prepositional phrases, and their purposes. Each lesson in the chapter focuses on recognizing prepositions and their purpose in sentences. Knowing how prepositions work in a sentence will help you better understand relationships among ideas.

Goals for Learning

- ▶ To identify prepositions in sentences
- ▶ To identify prepositional phrases in sentences
- ▶ To distinguish between adjective and adverb phrases
- ▶ To distinguish between prepositions and adverbs
- ▶ To identify the correct form of pronouns used as objects of prepositions