



Prepositional Phrases

Practice

1. Are these PPs complements or modifiers? Write C or M.

Remember that **complements complete the meaning** of the sentence and **cannot be omitted**.

1. John put the pencils **in his bag**.
2. My father helped me **with my homework**.
3. Clare is really fond **of books**.
4. The bottle **of milk** tasted strange.
5. Most students finish their homework **after dinner**.
6. Henry drank his beer **with much enthusiasm**.

2. Choose the head from which the PP branches out.

1. The soldiers blew the trumpet **with amazing strength**.
2. The new additions **to the song** sound really strange.
3. Mary is **at her mother's house**.
4. The doctor found butterflies **in his stomach**.

The sentences below contain the same string of word categories: N, V, D, N, P, N.

3. Discuss the function of the PP with respect to N and V.
4. Provide square bracket or tree representations which show the functions of the PP.

- 1) George bought a lamp for Mary.
- 2) George bought a lamp from Germany.