

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.