

Identifying Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word used to show the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to some other word in the sentence. A preposition is placed before a noun or pronoun that becomes the object of the preposition. Some commonly used prepositions are listed below:

about	behind	like	over
above	below	near	past
across	concerning	of	since
after	during	off	through
around	except	on	under
before	from	onto	without

Directions: Underline the prepositions in the following paragraphs. Can you find 20 prepositions?

Baseball

Baseball is called the *national pastime* in the USA. Baseball is a team game played with a bat and ball by two teams of players on a wedge-shaped field with a diamond-shaped infield. One team, the offense, tries to score the most runs by having their players circle the bases before they are put out by the other team. The defensive team is helped in stopping the offensive team by fielding batted balls with an oversized glove, or mitt.

Each inning is divided into a top and bottom. The visiting team always bats first (the top), and the home team always bats last (the bottom). The major confrontation of the game centers on the pitcher and the batter. If the batter swings at the ball and fails to hit it, or if the pitcher throws the ball into the strike zone (between the knees and the chest of the batter) without the batter swinging at the ball, a strike is called.