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Prepositional Phrases

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Some prepositional phrases are used as adjectives. They describe nouns.

Other prepositional phrases are used as adverbs. They describe a verb and answer the questions how, why, or when.

examples: I bought a book about fairy tales.

About fairy tales is a prepositional phrase that describes the noun, *book*. The phrase is used as an adjective.



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| 2. They scattered bread crumbs along the path. | ADJ | ADV |
| 3. The witch in the candy house tricked them. | ADJ | ADV |
| 4. The children escaped and ran to safety. | ADJ | ADV |
| 5. Three little pigs lived beside the same road. | ADJ | ADV |
| 6. The first pig in the story built a straw house. | ADJ | ADV |
| 7. The second pig had a house of sticks. | ADJ | ADV |
| 8. The third pig lived in a brick house. | ADJ | ADV |
| 9. A wolf huffed and puffed outside each house. | ADJ | ADV |
| 10. The house of bricks didn't blow down. | ADJ | ADV |

ANSWER KEY

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