Prepositional Phrases As Adjectives

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Sometimes prepositional phrases do the job of an adjective. The prepositional phrase tells us which one.

**example:** The little **boy** in the **red jacket** is my brother, Henry.

*In the red jacket* is the prepositional phrase. *In* is the preposition, and *jacket* is the object. *Red* describes the jacket. The entire phrase, *in the red jacket*, tells us which boy.

5. The robin in the nest is watching her young.
6. The five frogs on the lily pads are catching dragonflies.
7. The dragonflies with shimmering wings zip away.
8. The squirrels with the bushy tails ran past me.
9. The grass beneath the swings is turning brown.
10. The park near my house is a special place.

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