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Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence below. Circle the word it describes.

1. My favorite place to walk is the park across the street.
2. The wooden bridge over the muddy creek was built last year.
3. Those trees beside the lake are willows.
4. The tall evergreens behind the playground are spruce trees.
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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