

Spelling Worksheet—11: Lesson XXXIV

In the first paragraph of this story, we read that Harry observed the shadow of a tree. This sentence has another part of speech that we need to learn. One of the most commonly used parts of speech is called a **preposition**. A preposition links a noun or pronoun to the rest of the sentence. Look at the following sentence. The words in blue are called a prepositional phrase.

*Harry observed the shadow **of a tree**.*

This sentence may be written with a few different prepositional phrases to change the relationship of the shadow to the tree.

- *Harry observed the shadow **under a tree**.*
- *Harry observed the shadow **around the tree**.*
- *Harry observed the shadow **behind the tree**.*

In each of these sentences there are two nouns that are being linked to each other: shadow and tree. The preposition in these sentences show the relationship between the shadow and the tree. The shadow can be under, around, or behind the tree. The words under, around, and behind are called prepositions. The preposition page in your Vocabulary Notebook is a reference page that lists most of the prepositions you will find in your reading.

The following ideas are found in Lesson XXXIV. Circle the two nouns that are being linked with a preposition. Be careful, some sentences have three nouns (or pronouns). Circle the two nouns that are linked with the preposition. Underline the preposition.

1. *The shadow reached **around the trunk**.*
2. *He was **at breakfast**.*
3. *It was **opposite the door**.*
4. *He could not see the sun **from the hall door**.*
5. *That side of the sky is **called east**.*
6. *That part of the sky.*
7. *Turn your right hand **towards that place**.*