

Literacy Moments: Improving your English!

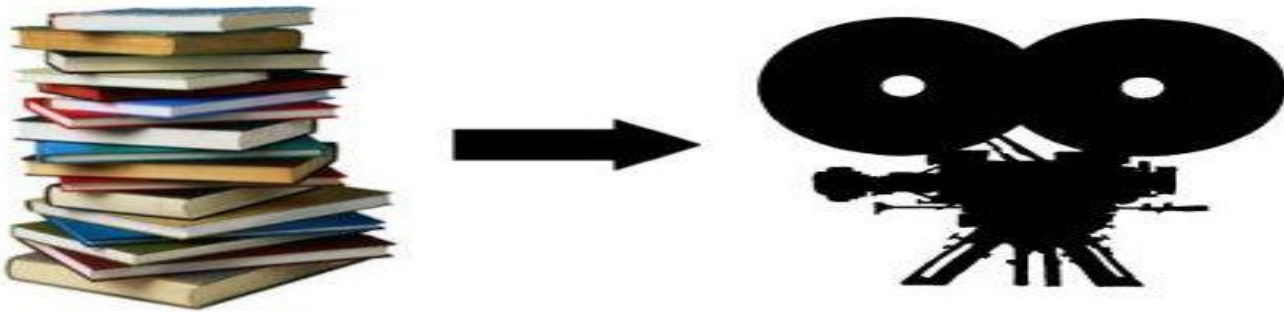


Take a look at this sentence...

The film was based off of the book.

What is the error here?

Why do you think people make this error?



Challenge: Can you name the different parts of that sentence using **technical vocabulary**?

Take a look at this sentence...

*The film was **based off of** the book.*

This is really **poor English!** Let's break it down...

Do you know what kind of word 'based' is?

What about 'off'?

And what about 'of'?

Take a look at this sentence...

*The film was **based** off of the book.*

Based is a **verb!**

In this case, it's also an **abstract noun.**

This means you can't touch it.

'Emotion' for example, is another.

Abstract Nouns...

Task (two minutes):

1. Can you come up with some **abstract nouns**.
2. Check with another pair if you're unsure of any.
Discuss why or why they may not be 'abstract'.

Remember, a **noun** is a **naming word**!



96 Abstract Nouns

adventure	curiosity	hate	life	pride
amazement	deceit	honesty	love	progress
anger	dedication	honesty	loyalty	relaxation
anxiety	dedication	hope	luck	relaxation
awe	democracy	hospitality	luxury	sacrifice
beauty	determination	imagination	maturity	satisfaction
beauty	dreams	information	memory	skill
beliefs	education	integrity	misery	strength
bravery	energy	intelligence	motivation	success
bravery	failure	joy	music	success
brilliance	faith	justice	opportunity	sympathy
chaos	faith	justice	pain	talent
charity	fear	kindness	pain	thought
charity	freedom	knowledge	patience	trouble
childhood	friendship	knowledge	peace	trust
comfort	friendships	laughter	perseverance	trust
communication	generosity	leisure	pleasure	truth
compassion	gossip	liberty	power	warmth
courage	happiness	liberty	pride	wisdom
culture				

Let's return to this sentence...

*The film was based **off of** the book.*

'Of' is a **preposition**.

'Off' is both a **preposition** and an **adverb**.

In this case however, it's a **preposition** and you **shouldn't have two prepositions together!**

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word used to link nouns, pronouns, or phrases to other words within a sentence. **Prepositions** are usually short words, and they are normally placed directly in front of nouns. They often indicate where an object is.

Task (two minutes):

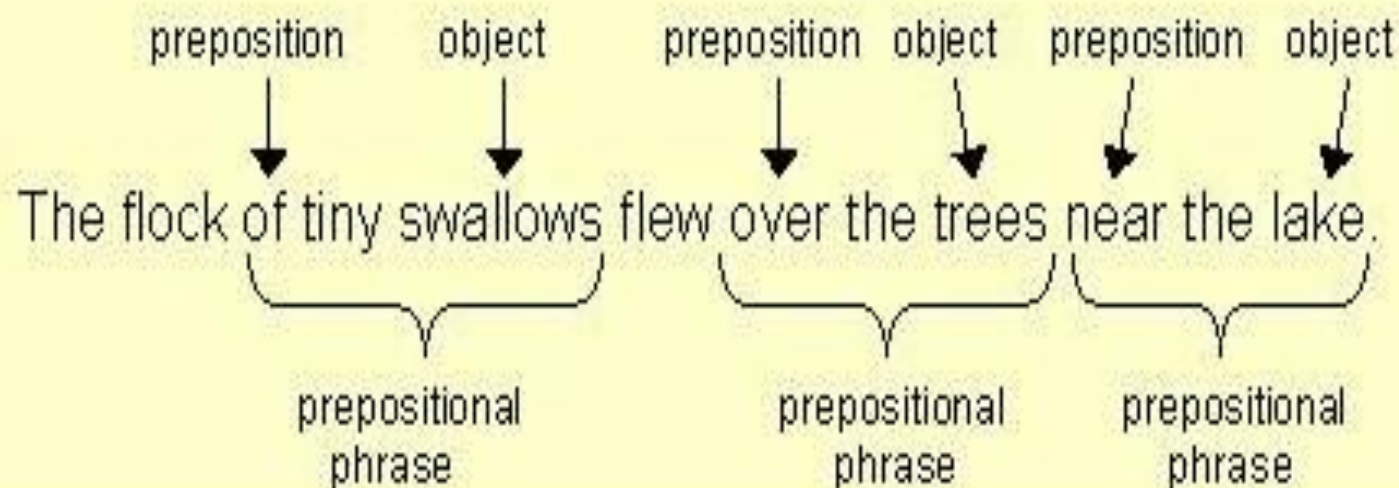
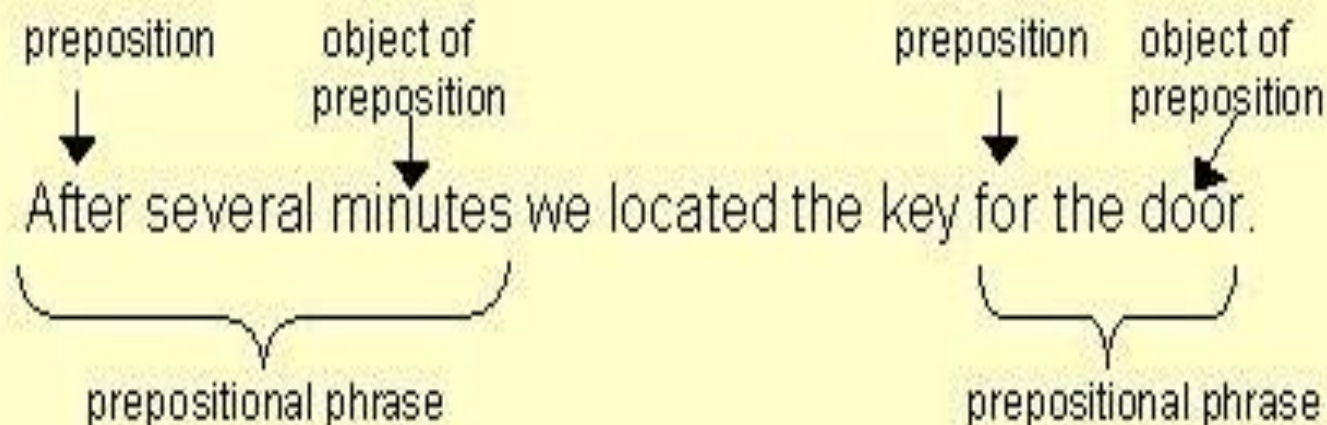
1. With a partner, how many prepositions can you come up with?

Challenge: Can you use them in sentences?

Prepositions

aboard	aside from	by means of	in spite of
about	as of	concerning	instead of
above	at	considering	into
according to	atop	despite	in view of
across from	barring	down	like
across	because of	during	near
after	before	except	nearby
against	behind	for	next to
ahead of	below	from	of
along	beneath	in	off
alongside	beside	in addition to	on
along with	besides	in back of	on account of
amid	between	in front of	onto
among	beyond	in place of	on top of
apart from	but	in regard to	opposite
around	by	inside	out
out of	regarding	to	unto
outside	round	together with	up
over	since	toward	upon
owing to	through	under	with
past	throughout	underneath	within
prior to	till	until	without

Examples of prepositional phrases:



YOU CANNOT 'BASE OFF' SOMETHING!

If something is 'based' on something, you have to think of it **logically**.

A 'base' is a grounding or a platform.

It's designed to have things put on it...

So we should say, 'the film was **based on** the book' because the book provided a 'base' for the film!

Does this make sense? It should do!

Key Words from Today's Session...

Noun: A naming word.

Pronoun: A word that replaces a noun. i.e. He/She/It.

Abstract noun: A name of an emotion or concept; something intangible.

Verb: An action, or 'doing' word. E.g. He *ran*, she *looks*.

Adverb: A word which describes a verb.

Preposition: A word used to link sentences together and indicate placing.