



Paco's dream comes true: Scotland on the horizon ...



Scotland on the horizon ...



Prepositions

A **preposition** links nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence. The word or phrase that the preposition introduces is called the object of the preposition.

A preposition usually indicates the temporal, spatial or logical relationship of its object to the rest of the sentence:

*My keys are **on** the table.*



Prepositional phrases 1

A **prepositional phrase** is made up of the preposition, its object and any associated adjectives or adverbs. A prepositional phrase can function as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb:

According to my teacher, Maths is not a difficult subject.

My little sister works hard at school.



Prepositional phrases 2

Phrases are groups of words that function together.

Prepositional phrases function like adjectives or adverbs. They describe nouns or verbs.

A prepositional phrase starts with a preposition. It ends with a noun or a noun substitute. It may contain adjectives describing the noun at the end of the phrase. The noun at the end of the phrase is called the object of the preposition:

After lunch my family sits in the living room to relax for a while.



Prepositional phrases 3

Here you have other examples of common prepositional phrases:

- 1) *I prefer tea **instead of** vodka.*
- 2) ***In case of** bad weather, we will take some umbrellas.*
- 3) ***On behalf of** my father, I would like to thank you.*
- 4) *We finally got our destiny **by means of** a GPS in the car.*
- 5) ***Apart from** my family, nobody wants to work on this project.*