

Read and Discover

Wow, the air is so clear today! I can see **across** the valley.

Which boldfaced word begins a phrase that tells *where*? _____

Which boldfaced word expresses emotion? _____

A **preposition** shows a relationship between one word in a sentence and the noun or pronoun that follows the preposition. This noun or pronoun is called the **object of the preposition**. The preposition, the object of the preposition, and the words in between them make a **prepositional phrase**. An **interjection** expresses emotion. *Oh, ouch, hey, hurray,* and *wow* are common interjections.

See Handbook Sections 19 and 22

Part 1

In the sentences below, underline each prepositional phrase. Circle the preposition and draw a box around its object. Draw a star above each interjection.

1. Scientists have divided Earth's atmosphere into four layers.
2. We live in the troposphere, the layer closest to Earth.
3. Wow, the troposphere can be a stormy place: most of Earth's weather conditions occur inside it.
4. The layer above the troposphere is called the stratosphere.
5. Oh, here's something I didn't know: most airline pilots fly in the stratosphere so they can avoid bad weather.
6. The stratosphere ends about 31 miles above Earth's surface.
7. Most of Earth's ozone is in the stratosphere.
8. Ozone in the stratosphere shields us from ultraviolet sunrays.
9. The mesosphere, the third layer of our atmosphere, ends about 53 miles above Earth.
10. It is cold in the mesosphere; gas trails left by meteors can be seen there.
11. The outermost and thickest layer of our atmosphere is the thermosphere.
12. The air in the thermosphere is completely exposed to the sun's radiation.
13. This can cause Fahrenheit temperatures of 3600 degrees. Ouch, that's hot!

