

During a storm, rainwater carries small particles of soil downhill into streams or storm drains.

Which boldfaced word begins a phrase that tells *when*? \_\_\_\_\_

Which begins a phrase that tells about a noun? \_\_\_\_\_

Which begins a phrase that tells *where*? \_\_\_\_\_

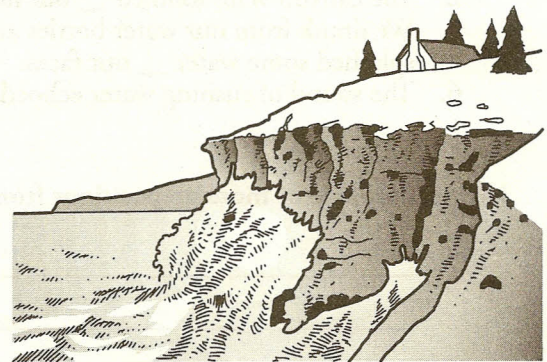
A **preposition** shows a relationship between the noun or pronoun that follows the preposition (the **object of the preposition**) and another word or group of words in the sentence. The preposition, its object, and the word(s) between them make a **prepositional phrase**.

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## Part 1

Underline each prepositional phrase. Circle the preposition and draw a box around its object.

1. The process of erosion changes the shape of the earth.
2. Water, wind, and ice break solid rock into small pieces.
3. These forces remove soil and rocks from hillsides.
4. After many centuries, a mountain may be reduced to a broad mound.
5. A swift stream can carve a path through a rocky landscape.
6. Creeks in the mountains carry eroded material downward to wide rivers.
7. During a flood, rivers deposit tiny grains of soil across low-lying farmlands.
8. Floods destroy homes, but they increase the fertility of the farmlands.
9. A river may spread soil near its mouth, across a triangle-shaped area.
10. The geographic term for such a region is a delta.
11. Some particles of eroded material eventually reach the ocean.
12. The sand grains on your favorite beach were probably transported to the sea by rivers.
13. They were possibly then carried along the shoreline by a current.
14. Finally some gentle waves carried the tiny grains onto the beach.
15. Rain in the mountains today may be moving grains of sand that someday will stick between your toes!



The force of water can change the shape of landforms.