

GRAMMAR LESSON 6

Phrases and Prepositions

OBJECTIVES

- Define Phrase, Preposition, and Prepositional Phrase
- Diagram Prepositional Phrases

DEFINITIONS

- **Phrase:** a group of words acting as one part of speech
- **Preposition:** a word that begins a prepositional phrase. It links one word to another word used to modify the first one. (sorry, brains!)
- **Prepositional Phrase** a group of words beginning with a preposition and usually ending in a noun or a pronoun, used as either adjective or adverb.

HOW IT WORKS

- Start with the preposition:
 - BEFORE
- End with a noun or pronoun (Object of the Preposition)
 - LUNCH
- I did my homework before lunch.
 - Part of speech?

USAGE

- Adjective:
 - Describes a noun or pronoun:
 - A plate **OF** parsnips. A pizza **WITH** pepperoni.
- Adverb:
 - Modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb:
 - I ran **UP** the hill. I walked **ACROSS** the street.

COMMON PREPOSITIONS

about	by	outside	according to
above	down	over	because of
across	during	since	by way of
after	except	through	in addition to
against	for	throughout	in front of
around	from	till	in place of
at	in	to	in regard to
before	inside	toward	in spite of
behind	into	under	instead of
below	like	until	on account of
beneath	near	up	out of
beside	of	upon	
besides	off	with	
between	on	without	
beyond	out		

You have a
paper
copy.
Keep it in
your
Binder.

PRACTICE

- Cross out the prepositional phrases:
- We scattered clues throughout the text.
- Harry lives in the closet beneath the stairs.
- Grandmother lives over the river and through the woods.

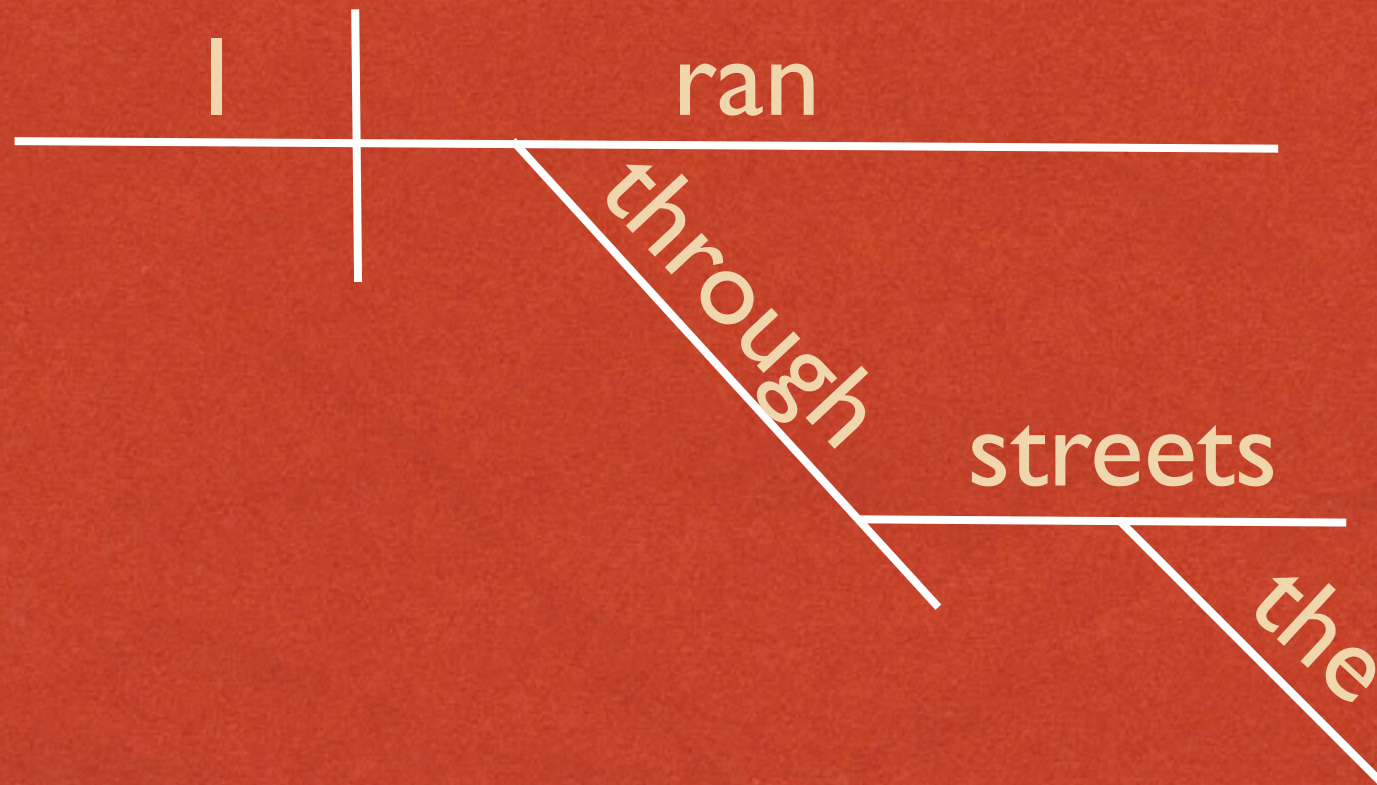
DIAGRAMMING AS ADJECTIVE

- Mountains of cheese covered my spaghetti.



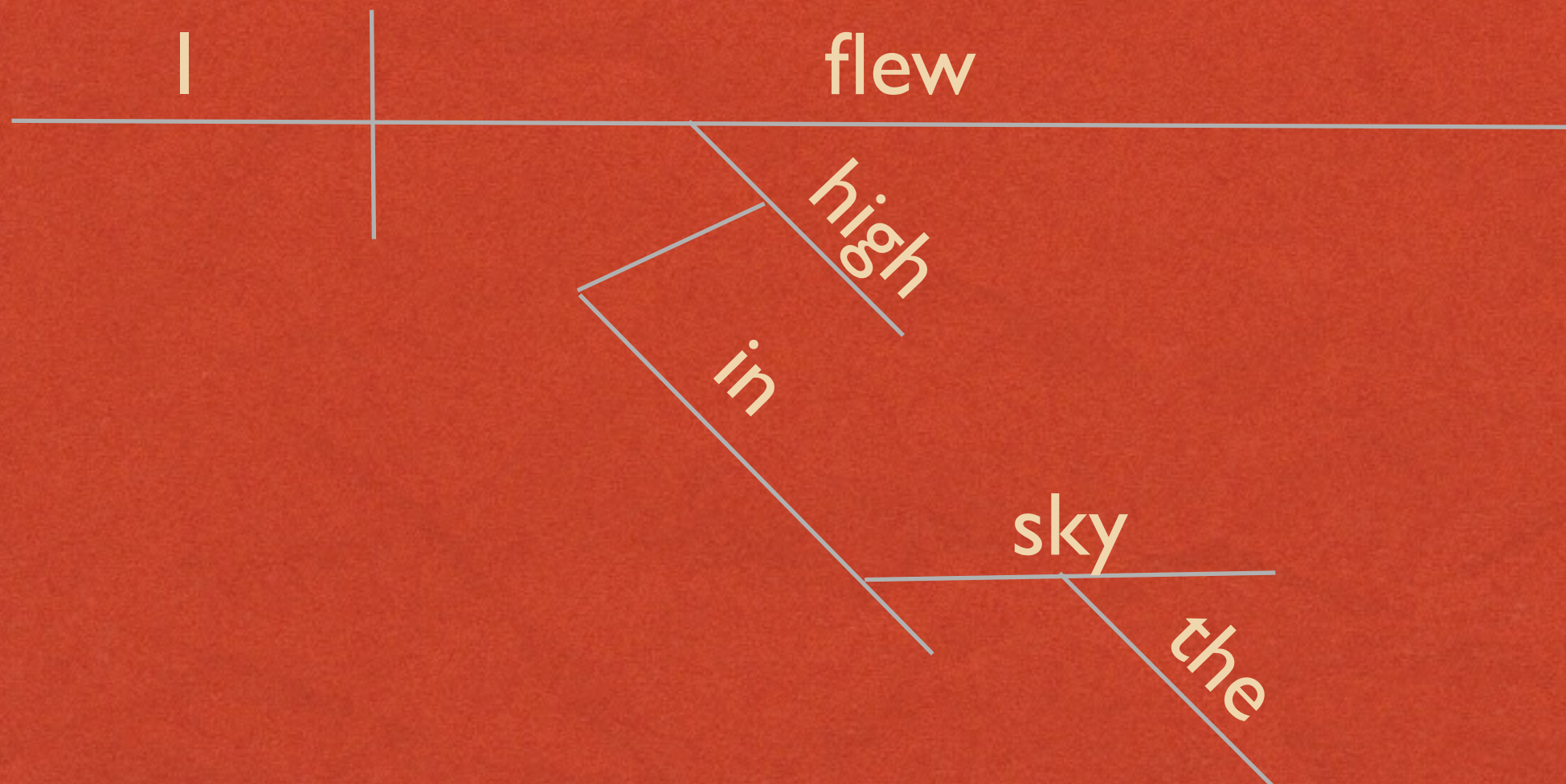
DIAGRAMMING AS ADVERB

- I ran through the streets.



ADVERB MODIFIES ADVERB

- I flew high in the sky.



PRACTICE

- I will diagram a few sentences.
- Then you'll help.
- Then you'll do it, and I'll help.

THE DOG RAN ACROSS THE
ROAD.

WE WILL PRACTICE THIS
BEFORE THE QUIZ.

YOU HID YOUR PHONE
UNDER YOUR DESK.

OLLIE CHASED AFTER THE
SQUIRREL.

REFLECT

- Create a group of three or four students.
- Review your definitions and objectives.
- Write two sentences using prepositional phrases.
Diagram each.