

Preposition or Adverb?

Some words may be used as both prepositions and adverbs. To tell a preposition from an adverb, remember that a preposition always has a noun or pronoun as an object.

PREPOSITION We walked **around** the new civic center for several hours. [*Center* is the object of *around*.]

ADVERB As we walked **around**, we saw many unique exhibits. [*Around* modifies the verb *walked*, telling *where*.]

EXERCISE Above the underlined word in each sentence, write *PREP* if the underlined word is a *preposition* or write *ADV* if the underlined word is an *adverb*.

Example 1. Would you like to come ^{ADV} inside?

- From atop the mountain, we looked below and saw the green fields.
- The cat was sleeping under the blanket.
- She crawled inside the box.
- When they heard the noise, they began to look about.
- Will the children be playing outside today?
- The family lives near the lake.
- The squirrel was frightened and ran off.
- He wants to travel around the world.
- We will wait until the prices go down.
- Did you see the robin perched on the branch?
- Come along, children.
- Tobias ran down the stairs.
- I fed the ducks that were crowded along the shore.
- As soon as we reached the boat, we climbed aboard.
- I had never traveled aboard a spaceship before.
- Besides the time I went to New Delhi, I hadn't ever flown.
- The airplane made a humming sound as it zoomed off the runway.
- During the flight, I was served fruit.
- A cluster of restless creatures murmured nearby.
- Below, my classmates were probably doing grammar exercises.