

PREPOSITIONS

**Exercise 1:** The italicized words in the sentence that follow are either prepositions, adverbs, or verb particles. Decide how to classify each. Remember that, unlike prepositions, adverbs do not have noun or noun phrase objects. Verb particles are essential to the meaning of the verb.

1. Just thinking *about* spiders makes me not want *to* crawl *into* the dusty old sleeping bag. Maybe I'll sleep *inside* the house *after* all.
2. Alarmed *by* reports of major landslides *in* the Sagebrush area, the police decided they should close *down* Interstate 670 and reroute traffic *through* the Devil's Canyon pass.
3. *Aside from* a small packet *of* trail mix, Will started *out on* the fifteen-mile hike *without* any food or drink *in* his knapsack. That he might not get *back before* the next day had never occurred *to* him.
4. Max tried *in* vain *to* assemble the model train set that Sandra had found *at* half price *on* Christmas Eve, just *before* closing time. Fortunately, she was able *to* figure the instructions *out* and put everything *together before* dawn *on* Christmas morning.
5. *At* midnight, we should turn *in*.
6. *At* the entrance *to* the parking lot, we should turn *in*.