Practice with Prepositions

A **prepositional phrase** consists of a preposition and its object, and any modifiers of the object. The **object of the preposition** is the noun or pronoun that follows a preposition.

Example: Many early jazz bands played in New Orleans.

In is the preposition New Orleans is the object

A sentence may contain more than one prepositional phrase. Each prepositional phrase has its own object.

Example: We listened to a solo by Louis Armstrong.

to is a preposition solo is its object

by is a preposition Louis Armstrong is its object

Underline the prepositional phrases and highlight the prepositions.

1. Jazz is a modern form of music.
2. Many musical styles contributed to its birth.
3. Among these influences are gospel and the blues.
4. Rhythms from West Africa are also part of jazz’s heritage.
5. In New Orleans, jazz was often played at funerals.
6. During the early years of the 20th century, jazz became popular as entertainment.
7. People loved the new music because of its bold and innovative sound.
8. Jazz is unique in its use of syncopation and improvisation.
9. Syncopation means the shifting of rhythmic accents within a song or composition.
10. In an improvisation, a musician plays notes of his or her own invention.