## **Prepositional Phrases (PP)**

A prepositional phrase is a structure that consists of a preposition and an object of preposition. The structure that follows the preposition in a prepositional phrase is called an object of preposition.

The object of preposition (OP) can usually be:

#### 1.a noun:

e.g.aftermidnight, by force, in addition, with fear, at home, with you

PP

$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
Н	М
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
Р	NP
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
after	Н
	$\downarrow$
	Ν
	$\downarrow$
	Midnight

#### inthe evening

	PP		
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
	Н	Μ	
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
	Р	NI	D
	$\downarrow$		
in	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
		М	Н
		$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
Det	Ν		
		$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
tha	ovening		

the evening

## 2.an adjective:

e.g.in <u>short</u> ,	in <u>brief</u> ,	at <u>large</u> ,	of <u>old</u>
PF	)		
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
Н	Μ		
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
Р	AdjP		
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
in	Н		
	$\downarrow$		
Adj			
	$\downarrow$		
short			

#### 3.an adverb:

e.g.b	y <u>then</u> ,	from <u>here/there</u> ,	since <u>then</u> ,	until <u>then</u>
	PP			
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
	Н	М		
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
	Р	AdvP		
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
by		Н		
		$\downarrow$		
Adv				
		$\downarrow$		
then				

# 4.another prepositional phrase:

e.g.from <u>under the floor</u> ,		ne floor,	since before the war,	till <u>after midnight</u>
PP		PP		
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
Н	]	М		
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
	Р	PI	)	
	$\downarrow$			
from	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
		Н	М	
		$\downarrow$	Ļ	
		Р	NP	
		$\downarrow$		
under	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
			M H	
			$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow$	
Det	Ν			
			$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow$	
the flo	oor			

## 5.a). a gerundial clause:

e.g.for <u>b</u>	eing late,	in <u>finding a nice room</u> ,	to seeing you
PP			
-			
Ļ	↓ ↓		
Н	I M		
↓	↓ ↓		
Р	Ger	: Cl	
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$		
for	being late		

#### b).an infinitive clause: introduced by an interrogative pronoun or adverb

e.g.ofhow to fight inflation,	of <u>how to do it</u>
PP	

Ļ	Ļ
Н	M
Ļ	Ļ
↓ P	↓ INF. Cl
Ļ	↓

of

how to fight inflation

### 6.a finite clause:

e.g.o	n <u>when v</u>	we shall start,	of how he had managed to escape
		PP	
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
	Н	Μ	
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
	Р	Fin. Cl	
	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	
on		when we shall start	