

Preposition
or
Infinitive Verb
Phrase?

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Directions:

for each sentence, do the following if the item is present in the sentence

1. box the prepositional phrase

- label the preposition by writing prep
- mark the object of the prepositions by writing OOP

2. box the infinitive phrase (phrases that start with to followed by a verb)

- label it INF

Example

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, jog

preposition
because it has an
object, corner

The man likes to jog to the corner
after breakfast.

preposition
because it has an object, breakfast

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preposition
because it has an
object, leap

preposition
because it has an
object, boat

After my leap into the boat, I had
to catch my breath.

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, catch & *had*
is part of that verb

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, find

I was surprised to find that we
were no longer near the pier.

preposition
because it has an
object, corner

preposition
because it has an object, sail



The boat, under full sail, tilted

to the side.



preposition
because it has an object, side

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, steer



“Do you want to steer awhile?” the
woman said to me.



preposition
because it has an object, me

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, keep

It was all I could do to keep

on my feet.

preposition
because it has
an object, feet

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, keep



"You need to keep the sails filled
with wind," she said.



preposition
because it has an object, wind

preposition

because it has an object, tiller

I sat by the tiller, and the wind
seemed to decrease.

infinitive phrase
due to the verb,
decrease

terms you need to know

tiller:

a bar or lever that turns the rudder in steering on a boat; a rudder acts like a steering wheel by changing a boat's direction

preposition
because it has an
object, water

preposition
because it has object,
north

I looked across the water to the north, where

the boat seemed to want to go the moment I

put my hand on the tiller.

preposition
because it has an
object, tiller

infinitive
phrases
due to
the
verbs,
want &
go

preposition

because it has an object, surprise

To my surprise, the tiller seemed

to know I was in experienced with a

boat.

infinitive
phrase
due to the
verb, know

preposition
because it has an
object, boat

preposition
because it has
an object, start

infinitive phrase
due to the verb, do

After a rough start, all I needed to do

was to nudge the tiller to make the

boat turn, first to one side, then to

the other.

infinitive phrases
due to the
verbs, nudge &
make

prepositions
because they both have
objects, side & other