



**EXERCISE 1** Read the selection and then answer the questions.

1. Less than a minute remained in the final Northern League basketball game of the season. 2. The contest had been an exciting, hard-fought battle between our Mayfair team and the Lincoln players. 3. At that game was definitely the place to be that January night. 4. Everything depended on what we did in the next few seconds, because Lincoln held a one-point lead. 5. In spite of close guarding, one of our players made a deft hook shot into the basket. 6. Spectators stood up and cheered loudly as those two precious points put us in the lead by one point. 7. Lincoln, now in possession of the ball, certainly was desperate to score. 8. The ball sailed harmlessly through the air and over the basket, however. 9. It fell into eager hands from our team as a loud blast from a horn announced not only the end of the game but also a victory for Mayfair. 10. Our team had come through.

1. Name the prepositions in sentence 1.
2. What is the prepositional phrase in sentence 2? Is it used as an adverb, an adjective, or a noun?
3. How is the prepositional phrase *at that game* used in sentence 3?
4. How is the prepositional phrase *into the basket* used in sentence 5?
5. Name the multiword preposition in sentence 5.
6. In sentence 6, is the word *up* used as an adverb or a preposition? How do you know?
7. Find two adverb phrases in sentence 8. What does each describe?
8. How many adjective phrases can you find in sentence 9? Name them and the words they describe.

**EXERCISE 2** Prepositional phrases add important details to sentences in a narrative or an expository essay. Follow these instructions.

Think of an important or eventful story about your family that was told to you by a relative. In one to three paragraphs, record the story and its importance to you and your family. Use prepositional phrases as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs. Label each.