



Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases Practice

Circle the prepositions in the following paragraphs, and underline the prepositional phrases.

Martha found the big box tucked away in a corner of the attic near the big chimney. As you may suspect, the little girl longed to open the big box and see what was in it. For we are all curious, and little girls are just as curious as the rest of us.

She stopped and clapped her little hands together gayly as she remembered a big basket of keys on the shelf in the linen closet. They were of all sorts and sizes; perhaps one of them would unlock the mysterious chest!

She flew down the stairs, found the basket and returned with it to the attic. Then she sat down before the brass-studded box and began trying one key after another in the curious old lock. Some were too large, but most were too small. One would go into the lock but would not turn; another stuck so fast that she feared for a time that she would never get it out again. But at last, when the basket was almost empty, an oddly-shaped, ancient brass key slipped easily into the lock. With a cry of joy Martha turned the key with both hands; then she heard a sharp "click," and the next moment the heavy lid flew up of its own accord!

The little girl leaned over the edge of the chest, and the sight that met her eyes caused her to start back in amazement.

Slowly and carefully a man unpacked himself from the chest, stepped out upon the floor, stretched his limbs and then took off his hat and bowed politely to the astonished child.

Then another man emerged from the chest, yawning and rubbing his eyes like a sleepy schoolboy. While Martha stared open-mouthed at the remarkable sight a third man crawled from the chest.

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