

“Away”

Hi Abamama, it's Troye at Banana English! It's our fifth lecture! Time flies!

Prepositional phrases are very important to practice because they modify nouns, pronouns, or phrases.

Without them our conversations would very much be simplistic almost to the point of cavemen. Can you imagine always speaking in two-word sentences? It would be silly to speak that way. Also, prepositional phrases help us when we are speaking to express ourselves and our personalities. So, make sure that you practice your prepositional phrases often.

Today we are going to discuss the word “away.” As a word, “away” can be used only as an adverb. Let's look at how “away” is used as an adverb:

- We went **away** on vacation.

In this example, the word “away” is used to describe **where** they went. If this sentence were the most simple sentence (a noun and a verb), it would only be “We went” the word “away” shows where went happened, and the modifier “on vacation” allows the sentence to get even more specific.

Prepositional Phrases include Nouns and link the noun to a pronoun or verb. Let's go over some examples of how the word “away” can be used in Prepositional Phrases.

- “Away” can be used to describe a different direction

o EXAMPLE: He ran away from the police.

- “Away” can be used to describe a place that is not where you are currently

o EXAMPLE: Grady is away on vacation this week.

- “Away” can be used to describe a distance

o EXAMPLE: The police have warned us to stay away from there.

- “Away” can be used to describe a specific distance

o EXAMPLE: That is over 3 miles away

- “Away” can be used to describe saying that something is gradually disappearing

o EXAMPLE: Their voices faded away into the night.

- “Away” can be used to describe someone doing something continuously for a long time

o EXAMPLE: She chatted away happily.

- “Away” can be used to describe something that is removed

o EXAMPLE: The garbage needs to be taken away.

- “Away” can be used to describe a change in people’s opinions or way of doing things

o EXAMPLE: We’re moving away from fulfillment, and into customer service.

- “Away” can be used to describe keeping something in a safe place

o EXAMPLE: They are hidden away in the attic.

- “Away” can be used to describe a sports team playing a game in a place that is not their home

o EXAMPLE: The Eagles are playing an away game this week.

There are many different examples of the way “away” can be used in Prepositional Phrases. So, what follows are just a few common examples. Let’s watch a quick video and see if we can count the number of times the word “away” is used, either away itself or as part of a Prepositional Phrase.

- Let’s watch today’s video

Okay, how many times was the word “away” used in this video? (The answer is 13 times.)

Let’s look at some of the ways the word “away” was used and what it meant.

- Go Away.

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this example “away” is used to tell someone to leave.

- At least wait until we get away from everyone else.

o What does “away” in this sentence mean?

o ANSWER: In this sentence, the word “away” is used to describe being separate from others.

- I love to get away from work.

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as a way to describe doing another activity other than work.

- I’m blown away at the amount of dust.

o What about this example of “away?”

o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as an expression that means “shocked.”

- Did you get carried away?

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this example “away” is used to describe the action of “overdoing” something.

- I couldn’t chase away the need to do something.

o What does “away” in this sentence mean?

o ANSWER: In this sentence the word “away” is used to describe not (because of couldn’t) being able to stop feeling the need to do something.

- Leave it to you to find putting away things fun.

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as a way to describe putting things in their proper place.

- It was to chase away all my nervous energy.

o What about this example of “away?”

o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as a way to describe making something disappear (nervous energy.)

- We’ve needed to chip away at the mess in our apartment.

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this example “away” is used to describe something disappearing slowly.

- I’ve felt my memories of your cooking was fading away from my memory.

o What does “away” in this sentence mean?

o ANSWER: In this sentence the word “away” is used to describe something slowly disappearing.

- You can do away with the theatrics.

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as something that can be gotten rid of.

- Fire away.

o What about this example of “away?”

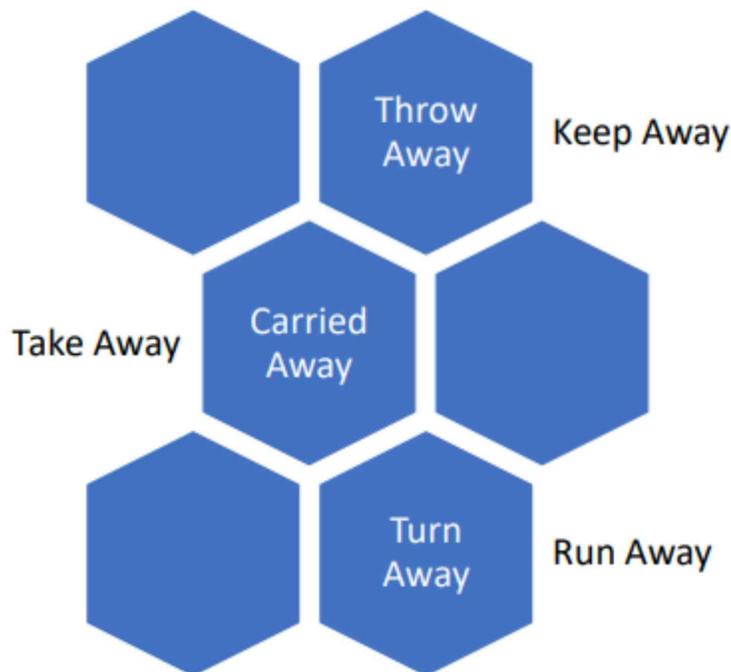
o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as a common idiom that expresses the desire for someone to “go ahead and ask.”

- You are absolutely not putting away Mr. Buggles.

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this example “away” is used to describe putting something in a safe place.

Excellent work! Let’s take a look at the following Prepositional Phrases using the word “away.” Can you use each of them in a new or different sentence? Can you describe what each prepositional phrase means or is describing in your sentences?



Great Job! Let’s go over some of these common phrases and sayings and see if you can tell me what the sentence means.

- Did you put away the crock-pot?

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this sentence, the word “away” is used to describe the crock-pot being put where it belongs.

- Don’t walk away from me.

o What does “away” in this sentence mean?

o ANSWER: In this sentence, the word “away” is used to describe the action of leaving.

Throw

Away Keep Away

Carried

Away Take Away

Turn

Away Run Away

• A lot of people swear they’ve sighted Elvis, but he did pass away.

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as a way to describe death.

• I wish those cats would stay away, they are scaring my birds!

o What about this example of “away?”

o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as a way to describe the cats leaving permanently.

• Don’t give away my childhood keepsakes, I want to give them to my daughter.

o What do you think this sentence means?

o ANSWER: In this sentence the word “away” is used to describe someone giving items to someone else.

• You have to break away from that bad relationship.

o What does “away” in this sentence mean?

o ANSWER: In this sentence the word “away” is used to describe disconnecting or severing a relationship.

• Did you really have to drive away so fast?

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as a way to describe the act of the car leaving quickly.

• Don’t drive away your brother, he is just trying to spend time with you.

o What about this example of “away?”

o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as a way to describe someone trying to get someone else to leave.

- Will you please clear away the dishes?

o What does “away” mean here?

o ANSWER: Here “away” is used in the sentence as a way to describe removing the dishes from the table.

- Please just go away.

o What about this example of “away?”

o ANSWER: In this sentence “away” is being used as a way to describe the wish for someone to leave immediately.

Alright, we are going to wrap this up now. You are doing it so amazing. Believe me, after 3 months of this course, your listening and speaking skills would be amazingly improved.

Don't forget to review, and see you guys soon.