

# CONSOLIDATING PREPOSITIONS

WEEK 12

# TERMINOLOGY

A **determiner** is a word that introduces a noun. It always comes before a noun, not after, and it also comes before any other adjectives used to describe the noun. **Determiners** are required before a singular noun but are optional when it comes to introducing plural nouns.

An **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, adjective, or other **adverb**. To put it another way, an **adverb** describes actions, and it describes other descriptive words.

A **preposition** is a word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else. Examples of **prepositions** include words like after, before, on, under, inside and outside.

# INTRODUCTION

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The image shows a sorting game interface. At the top, there are eight word boxes arranged in two rows of four. The words are: an, quickly, all, under, before, silently, towards, and those. Below these words are three open cardboard boxes representing categories: Determiners, Adverbs, and Prepositions. The background features a faint, stylized graphic of a city skyline and a large, faint letter 'X'.

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those	silently	before

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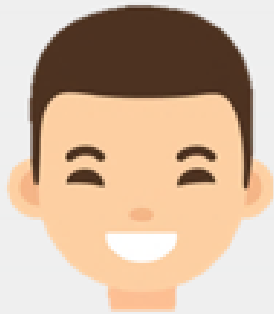
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**'After'.** The sentence would still work because the tsunami will still cause the boulders to fall. However, a full stop will need to be added after 'cliffside' to separate the sentences. The word 'the' will need capitalising before 'tsunami' and before 'boulders'.