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Definition

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun (the object). These phrases function as adjectives or adverbs in sentences, showing relationships of time, location, direction, or manner.

Example

Relationship	Example	Function
Place	"The book is on the table."	Shows location
Time	"We will meet after lunch."	Shows when
Direction	"The bird flew across the sky."	Shows movement
Manner	"She spoke with confidence."	Shows how
Purpose	"He studied for the exam."	Shows why

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the Latin roots or origins in these geological terms related to the Brazilian Highlands.

1. The word "erosion" comes from the Latin word "erodere," which means:

- a) to build up
- b) to wear away
- c) to flow over
- d) to shift position

2. The term "sedimentary" (as in sedimentary rock formations in the Brazilian Highlands) derives from the Latin word "sedimentum," meaning:

- a) settling
- b) layering
- c) hardening
- d) compressing

3. "Terra firme," a term used to describe stable highland areas in Brazil, comes directly from Latin meaning:

- a) first territory
- b) firm earth
- c) high terrain
- d) rocky surface

4. The geological process of "deposition" (common in plateau formation) comes from Latin "deponere," which means:

- a) to place down
- b) to move away
- c) to push upward
- d) to break apart

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5. "Altitude," important when discussing the Brazilian Highlands, derives from the Latin "altitudo," meaning:

- a) atmosphere
- b) ecosystem
- c) height
- d) landscape

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with the appropriate Latin-derived term related to the Brazilian Highlands.

1. The _____ (from Latin "planities" meaning "flat surface") regions of the Brazilian Highlands were formed over millions of years of geological activity.

2. The highland's _____ (from Latin "aqua" meaning "water") systems have carved deep valleys through the ancient rock formations.

3. Scientists study the _____ (from Latin "stratum" meaning "layer") of rock to understand the geological history of the Brazilian Highlands.

4. The _____ (from Latin "fauna" referring to the Roman goddess of animals) of the Brazilian Highlands includes many species found nowhere else on Earth.

5. The process of _____ (from Latin "eruptus" meaning "to burst forth") played a minimal role in forming the Brazilian Highlands, unlike in volcanic mountain ranges.

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Words From Latin – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) to wear away
2. a) settling
3. b) firm earth
4. a) to place down
5. c) height

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. plateau/plains (from Latin "planities" meaning "flat surface")
2. aquatic/aquifer (from Latin "aqua" meaning "water")
3. strata/stratification (from Latin "stratum" meaning "layer")
4. fauna (from Latin "fauna" referring to the Roman goddess of animals)
5. eruption (from Latin "eruptus" meaning "to burst forth")1.