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The word <u>down</u> is the preposition.

The word the is an article.

The word busy is an adjective describing the street.

The word <u>street</u> is the object of the preposition.

Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence. Circle the preposition.

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