

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: What is a Preposition?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.7) [Using prepositions to express time and cause](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.7) [Express time, place and cause using prepositions \[for example, before, after, during, in, because of\]](#)

Terminology For Pupils:

- (3G1.7) [preposition](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions: of, to, in, for, with, on, by, at, from, but, into, like, over, before, up, out, because of, due to.

Expected Explain if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions from Developing and the prepositions: between, after, since, around, without, among, against, including, following, across, behind, beyond, about, near, above, down, off, through, as a result of.

Greater Depth Explain if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions from Developing and Expected and the prepositions: despite, throughout, towards, upon, except, plus, concerning, on account of.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Includes a word bank. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

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What is a Preposition?

1a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

She went into the deep, dark cave.

Explain your reasoning.



1b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

They washed their hands out lunch.

Explain your reasoning.



2a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

in by to

Charlie and Danny waited on the steps.



2b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

for over at

Daisy and Jenny walked to the bridge.



3a. List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

I sat _____ my brother at the dinner table.



3b. List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

We looked _____ the old, empty house.



What is a Preposition?

4a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Jack and Alice played games among they finished their dinner.

Explain your reasoning.



4b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

The long school bus skidded between the icy weather.

Explain your reasoning.



5a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Holly fell down the stairs and scratched her arms and legs.



5b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Zara and Alex walked through the village to get back home.

A



6a. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

There is a nice park with a football pitch _____ the high school.



6b. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

The huge aeroplane flew _____ the white, fluffy clouds.

A



What is a Preposition?

7a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

George found it very painful to speak towards his extremely sore throat.

Explain your reasoning.



R

8a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

The whole class except me went rock climbing and abseiling last week.



A

9a. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

Jodie and her brother missed the bus _____ waking up too late.



A

What is a Preposition?

7b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Maisie and her friends worked hard on account of the school year.

Explain your reasoning.



R

8b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Ramaya stepped carefully upon the rocks and walked cautiously.



A

9b. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

Steven and his cousin made their way _____ the sandy beach.



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- 1a. Yes because 'into' shows where she went in relation to the cave.
- 2a. Charlie and Danny waited by the steps.
- 3a. Various answers, for example: with, by.

Expected

- 4a. No because 'among' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'after'.
- 5a. Various answers, for example: Holly fell against the stairs and scratched her arms and legs; Holly fell as a result of the stairs and scratched her arms and legs.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: behind, near, by.

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- 7a. No because 'towards' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of cause such as 'on account of'.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: The whole class including me went rock climbing and abseiling last week; The whole class plus me went rock climbing and abseiling last week.
- 9a. Various answers, for example: on account of, as a result of, due to.

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- 1b. No because 'out' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'before'.
- 2b. Daisy and Jenny walked over the bridge.
- 3b. Various answers, for example: into, at.

Expected

- 4b. No because 'between' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of cause such as 'as a result of'.
- 5b. Various answers, for example: Zara and Alex walked around the village to get back home; Zara and Alex walked near the village to get back home.
- 6b. Various answers, for example: above, through, between.

Greater Depth

- 7b. No because 'on account of' is a preposition of cause. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'throughout'.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: Ramaya stepped carefully towards the rocks and walked cautiously; Ramaya stepped carefully near the rocks and walked cautiously.
- 9b. Various answers, for example: towards, to, across.