

Varied Fluency

Step 3: Using Prepositions to Express Time

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:

Developing Questions to support using prepositions to express time. Includes the time prepositions: to, in, on, by, at, from, before, after (also including yesterday and tomorrow).

Expected Questions to support using prepositions to express time. Includes the time prepositions from Developing plus: about, until, between, since, following and beyond.

Greater Depth Questions to support using prepositions to express time. Includes the time prepositions from Developing and Expected, plus the less commonly used: during, through, throughout and towards.

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1a. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

at that
their in



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1b. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

watch to
on clock



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2a. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

dinner yesterday after



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2b. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

night morning tomorrow



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3a. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

A. My homework is done.

B. I need it in by Monday.



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3b. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

A. I had to get there before 7pm.

B. The train was very late.



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4a. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

The cat jumped off the bed.



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4b. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

The shop is open from 8am.



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5a. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

lunch school before
at since year



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5b. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

from month about
hour day by



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6a. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

on noon Friday beyond



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6b. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

to January in midnight



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7a. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

- A. We went to the park after school.
- B. We went together.



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7b. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

- A. We played happily.
- B. You can play until 5 o'clock.



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8a. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

We need to be there between 4pm and 5pm at the latest.



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8b. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

They found the car near the shopping centre.



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9a. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

following time yesterday
at throughout night



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9b. Circle the prepositions that can be used to express time.

midday through between
from to o'clock



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10a. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

by before until Easter



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10b. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table.

Noun	Preposition

towards about winter after



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11a. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

A. She was trying her best.

B. She had been practising since Monday.



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11b. Which sentence uses a preposition to express time?

A. It was beyond midnight.

B. It was late and I was tired.



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12a. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

The park is open during daylight hours.



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12b. True or false? The underlined word in the sentence below is a preposition used to express time.

The treasure was found buried beneath the palm tree.



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Developing

1a. at; in

2a. Noun: dinner

Prepositions: yesterday, after

3a. B

4a. False – it expresses movement

Expected

5a. before; at; since

6a. Nouns: noon, Friday

Prepositions: on, beyond

7a. A

8a. True

Greater Depth

9a. following; yesterday, at; throughout

10a. Noun: Easter

Prepositions: by, before, until

11a. B

12a. True

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Developing

1b. to; on

2b. Nouns: night, morning

Preposition: tomorrow

3b. A

4b. True

Expected

5b. from; about; by

6b. Nouns: January, midnight

Prepositions: to, in

7b. B

8b. False – it expresses place

Greater Depth

9b. through; between; from; to

10b. Noun: winter

Prepositions: towards, about, after

11b. A

12b. False – it expresses place