

Application and Reasoning

Step 4: Using Prepositions to Express Place

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 (Application)

Developing Change the meaning of a sentence by changing the preposition. The prepositions: to, in, on, by, at, from, into, through, over and up are used.

Expected Change the meaning of a sentence by changing the preposition. Includes the prepositions from Developing as well as: between, around, among, against, across, behind, beyond, near, above, down and off.

Greater Depth Change the meaning of a sentence by changing the preposition. Includes the prepositions from Developing and Expected as well as: throughout, towards and upon. Some variation in the positioning of prepositional phrases within sentences.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Find two prepositions which would make sense in a given sentence. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Find three prepositions which would make sense in a given sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Find four prepositions which would make sense in a given sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain why the preposition does not make sense in the given sentence and suggest a replacement. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Explain why the preposition does not make sense in the given sentence and suggest a replacement. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Explain why the preposition does not make sense in the given sentence and suggest a replacement. Differentiation the same as question 7.

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1a. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

The ball is in the hoop.



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1b. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

I looked through the window.



A

2a. List two prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

I fell _____ the comfy chair.



A

2b. List two prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

The books are _____ the plastic bag.



A

3a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

The worm dug over the ground.



Explain your answer.



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3b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

I climbed up the creaking tree.



Explain your answer.



R

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4a. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

Freya was crouching quietly near the trees.



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4b. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

Charlie was lying lazily across the bed.



A

5a. List three prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

The space rocket travelled quickly _____ the moon.



A

5b. List three prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

The lizard scrambled hurriedly _____ the wall.



A

6a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Millie eventually found Marcus to the bookshop.



Explain your answer.



R

6b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Giggling, Ben pushed his face against the mirror.



Explain your answer.



R

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7a. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

Throughout the valley, birds were awakening and joining the chorus.

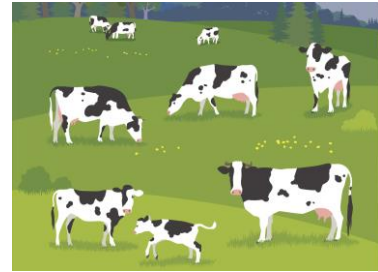


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7b. Change the meaning of the sentence below by changing the preposition.

The herd were driven towards the farmyard, snorting and stamping their hooves.



A

8a. List four prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

Mist curled its way like white fingers _____ the craggy mountains.



A

8b. List four prepositions which could fill the gap in the sentence below.

_____ the crumbling tower tumbled the dragon, its wings flapping desperately.



A

9a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Deep among the treasure chest, lay the ruby he had been searching for.



Explain your answer.



R

9b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

It was no small thing to find yourself suddenly sat upon the back of an angry bull!



Explain your answer.



R

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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: by
- 2a. Various answers, for example: over, on
- 3a. No. Various answers, for example: Worms dig under the ground.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: behind
- 5a. Various answers, for example: beyond, around, to
- 6a. No. Various answers, for example: To suggests direction so does not make sense with the verb 'found'. The correct preposition could be 'in'.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: beyond
- 8a. Various answers, for example: between, around, among, across
- 9a. No. Various answers, for example: There is only one 'treasure chest' and 'among' needs multiple or plural nouns. The correct preposition could be 'inside'.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: at
- 2b. Various answers, for example: in, by
- 3b. Yes. Various answers, for example: Trees have height and can be climbed.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: near
- 5b. Various answers, for example: up, down, off
- 6b. Yes. Various explanations may be given, for example: A face and a mirror are two objects so can be put together.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: from
- 8b. Various answers, for example: towards, down, over, behind
- 9b. Yes. Various answers, for example: 'Upon' means to be on top of something and sitting on a bull's back you are on top of it.