

Application and Reasoning

Step 5: Using Prepositions to Express Cause

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 whether changing the underlined preposition changes the meaning of a sentence. Use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of and due to.

Expected Explain whether changing the underlined preposition changes the meaning of a sentence. Use of Developing prepositions plus: about, through and as a result of.

Greater Depth Explain whether changing the preposition changes the meaning of a sentence. Includes two time prepositions in the sentence. Use of Developing and Expected prepositions plus: about, through, as a result of, despite, owing to, concerning and on account of.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Order words correctly, including a preposition of cause, to form a sentence. Use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of and due to.

Expected Order words correctly, including a preposition of cause, to form a sentence. Use of Developing prepositions plus: about, through and as a result of.

Greater Depth Order words correctly, including a preposition of cause, to form a sentence. Use of Developing and Expected prepositions plus: about, through, as a result of, despite, owing to, concerning and on account of.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a preposition in a sentence makes sense. Use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of and due to.

Expected Explain whether a preposition in a sentence makes sense. Use of Developing prepositions plus: about, through and as a result of.

Greater Depth Explain whether a preposition in a sentence makes sense. Use of Developing and Expected prepositions plus: about, through, as a result of, despite, owing to, concerning and on account of.

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1a. Change the underlined preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

The children were excited because of the snow.

for

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

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1b. Change the underlined preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

My mum has to do training for her new job.

to

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

2a. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

play

indoors

I

because

the

of

rain.



A

2b. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

We

warm

are

sunshine.

to

due

the



A

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

The excitement of the party was too much.

Explain your answer.



R

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

Doing work for my teacher is good fun.

Explain your answer.



R

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4a. Change the underlined preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

I'm eating less sweets for my health.

because of

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

4b. Change the underlined preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

We drove all night through the storm.

as a result of

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

5a. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

won

luck

I

through

competition

hard

the

and

work



A

5b. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

with

due

limp

injury

his

walked

a

He

to



A

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

The severe flooding was as a result of the storm we had last night.

Explain your answer.



R

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

My school won the football tournament through excellent team work.

Explain your answer.



R

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7a. Change the preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

Due to the number of people requiring appointments this week, the surgery will stay open later every evening.

as a result of

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

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7b. Change the preposition in the sentence below for the one in the box.

Despite the fact that it snowed heavily throughout the night, I was still able to get to work on time because the roads were gritted.

owing to

Does it affect the meaning of the sentence? Explain your answer.



R

8a. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

my

to

my

to

talk

my

wants

dad

work

teacher

concerning



A

8b. Order the words below to create a complete sentence.

I

pizza

on

account

the

don't

cheese

like

on

of

top



A

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

I missed my flight on account of a traffic jam on the motorway on the way to the airport.

Explain your answer.



R

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

I decorated the birthday cake beautifully, owing to my brother's excellent instructions.

Explain your answer.



R

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Developing

- 1a. It doesn't make sense. 'For' doesn't explain why the children were excited.
- 2a. I play indoors because of the rain.
- 3a. Yes, 'of' helps to explain the cause of the excitement.

Expected

- 4a. No, it doesn't change the meaning of the sentence as both prepositions express cause.
- 5a. I won the competition through hard work/luck and luck/hard work. Or, Through hard work/luck and luck/hard work I won the competition.
- 6a. Yes, 'as a result of' helps to explain the cause of the flooding.

Greater Depth

- 7a. No, it doesn't change the meaning of the sentence as both prepositions express cause.
- 8a. My dad/teacher wants to talk to my teacher/dad concerning my work.
- 9a. Yes, the sentence makes sense. The traffic jam was what caused this person to miss their flight.

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Developing

- 1b. It doesn't make sense. 'To' doesn't explain the cause of mum's training.
- 2b. We are warm due to the sunshine.
- 3b. Yes, 'for' helps to explain who caused the work.

Expected

- 4b. It changes the meaning. Through explains where you drove. As a result of explains the cause of driving all night.
- 5b. He walked with a limp due to his injury. Or, Due to his injury he walked with a limp.
- 6b. Yes, 'through' helps to explain the cause of the win.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Yes, it changes the meaning to the opposite and it doesn't make sense.
- 8b. I don't like pizza on account of the cheese on top.
- 9b. Yes, it makes sense. The brother's excellent instructions were responsible for this person being able to decorate the cake so beautifully.