

Varied Fluency

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:

Developing Questions to support use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of and due to.

Expected Questions to support use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of, due to, about, through and as a result of.

Greater Depth Questions to support use of prepositions such as: of, to, for, because of, due to, about, through, as a result of, despite, owing to, concerning and on account of.

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1a. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

I feel nervous because of the dark.



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1b. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

We can't go outside due to the rain.



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2a. Which sentence uses a noun and preposition correctly?

- A. I went to the dentist in my toothache.
- B. I went to my friend's house for my tea.



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2b. Which sentence uses a noun and preposition correctly?

- A. I stayed at home because of my chickenpox.
- B. I feel sick tomorrow eating too much ice cream.



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3a. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

Evie was stuck in town for the train strike.



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3b. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

I had a party for my birthday.



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4a. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

I feel lovely and warm today,
_____ my new winter coat.

after

because of



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4b. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

I don't feel very well today
_____ my sore throat.

under

due to



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5a. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

I am excited about my friend and I going to the cinema together.



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5b. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

The teacher retired through ill health.



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6a. Which sentence uses a noun and a preposition correctly?

- A. Seema cannot walk because of her swollen ankle.
- B. The argument was rudeness his due to.



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6b. Which sentence uses a noun and a preposition correctly?

- A. Everything went wrong, yesterday no fault of our own.
- B. As a result of the snow, we can't play outside today.



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7a. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

Our football team won the trophy under sheer determination.



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7b. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

Toby can't go swimming today, before his bad cold.



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8a. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

_____ my hard work, my clay model dragon looks amazing.

Before

Beside

As a result of



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8b. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

Training _____ the gymnastics competition is hard work.

today

for

next to



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9a. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

Despite the bus being late, I made it to school just as the bell was about to ring, so I didn't miss registration.



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9b. Underline the preposition in the sentence below.

Owing to the disruption on the line at Halifax Station, all the trains to Leeds this afternoon will be subject to delay.



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10a. Which sentence uses a noun and preposition correctly?

- A. Owing to the staff shortages, there was no buffet on the train.
- B. The due to was delay a car breaking down.



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10b. Which sentence uses a noun and preposition correctly?

- A. Classroom the mess, we have to tidy up our on account of.
- B. A letter arrived today concerning your school report.



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11a. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

Beside the high temperatures, don't stay outside for more than ten minutes.



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11b. True or false? The following sentence correctly uses a preposition to express cause.

I spoke to my dad today under my broken bike.



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12a. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

_____ my best efforts, everything seemed to be going wrong today.

Upon

Despite

Through



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12b. Add the correct preposition to the sentence below.

I'm very excited _____ my friends coming to play at my house this afternoon.

towards

throughout

on account of



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Developing

- 1a. **because of**
- 2a. **B**
- 3a. **False, it should be due to.**
- 4a. **because of**

Expected

- 5a. **about**
- 6a. **A**
- 7a. **False, under is a preposition of place. Through would be correct in this sentence.**
- 8a. **As a result of**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **despite**
- 10a. **A**
- 11a. **Beside is a preposition of place. On account of, because of, due to, or as a result of would be correct in this sentence.**
- 12a. **Despite**

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Developing

- 1b. **due to**
- 2b. **A**
- 3b. **True**
- 4b. **due to**

Expected

- 5b. **through**
- 6b. **B**
- 7b. **False, before is a preposition of time. Because of, due to or as a result of would be correct in this sentence.**
- 8b. **for**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **owing to**
- 10b. **B**
- 11b. **Under is a preposition of place. Concerning or about would be correct in this sentence.**
- 12b. **on account of**