

Varied Fluency

Step 4: Prepositional Phrases

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G3.2) [Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases \(e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair\)](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using prepositional phrases in single clause sentences.

Expected Questions to support using prepositional phrases in multi clause sentences containing adjectives.

Greater Depth Questions to support using more than one prepositional phrase in multi clause sentences containing adjectives and adverbs.

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Prepositional Phrases

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1a. Circle the prepositions below.

off

run

in

dog



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1b. Circle the prepositions below.

on

leaf

hop

at



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2a. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Nick sat by his friend.



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2b. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Harry walked up the stairs.



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3a. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Zara went home with her mum.



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3b. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Lucy looked out of the window.



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4a. Add a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

out

behind

after

Daniel and his brother hid _____ the tree.



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4b. Add a prepositional phrase from the word bank to complete the sentence.

under

before

in

Ali finished his homework _____ dinner.



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5a. Circle the prepositions below.

friend across walked

due to unkind through



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5b. Circle the prepositions below.

sprint beneath table

within against light



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6a. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Jamie waited inside the bus station because it was raining heavily.



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6b. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Lila and Katie went past the shops when they were jogging.



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7a. Tick the sentence which uses a prepositional phrase.

The children ate delicious pizza and played some games.

Kimberley sprinted towards the school gates excitedly.



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7b. Tick the sentence which uses a prepositional phrase.

Oscar sat beside his mum and gave her a big, warm hug.

My sister loves eating carrots but I prefer peas.



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8a. Add a prepositional phrase from the word bank to complete the sentence.

within the walls

above the stars

over the fence

Liam climbed _____ and explored the forest.



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8b. Add a prepositional phrase from the word bank to complete the sentence.

around the world

off the bench

between the planets

Stefan jumped _____ and landed safely.



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9a. Circle the prepositions below.

quick calculate aboard

minus opposite slowly



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9b. Circle the prepositions below.

plus except stop

fast against went



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10a. Underline the prepositional phrases in the sentence below.

Snow is expected according to the weather report so I will stay inside the cosy, warm house.



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10b. Underline the prepositional phrases in the sentence below.

Ella had enjoyed baking since her birthday when she made cupcakes with her nan.



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11a. Tick the sentence which uses more than one prepositional phrase.

The hungry, ferocious tiger paced menacingly.

We all went to the party except for my older brother.

Since my computer wouldn't work, I used my laptop instead.



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11b. Tick the sentence which uses more than one prepositional phrase.

When the kettle finished boiling I made some coffee.

Despite the cold weather, I felt warm so I took off my coat.

Thomas bought some games in addition to his new console.



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12a. Add a prepositional phrase to complete the sentence.

Carefully, Alina crawled _____ to investigate the strange noise.



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12b. Add a prepositional phrase to complete the sentence.

Quietly, the children stood _____ waiting for it to open.



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Developing

- 1a. **off, in**
- 2a. **by his friend**
- 3a. **True**
- 4a. **behind**

Expected

- 5a. **across, due to, through**
- 6a. **inside the bus station**
- 7a. **Kimberley sprinted towards the school gates excitedly.**
- 8a. **over the fence**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **aboard, minus, opposite**
- 10a. **according to the weather report, inside the cosy, warm house**
- 11a. **We all went to the party except for my older brother.**
- 12a. **Various possible answers, for example: through the tunnel**

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Developing

- 1b. **on, at**
- 2b. **up the stairs**
- 3b. **True**
- 4b. **before**

Expected

- 5b. **beneath, within, against**
- 6b. **past the shops**
- 7b. **Oscar sat beside his mum and gave her a big, warm hug.**
- 8b. **off the bench**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **plus, except, against**
- 10b. **since her birthday, with her nan**
- 11b. **Despite the cold weather, I felt warm so I took off my coat.**
- 12b. **Various possible answers, for example: outside the shop**