

## Prepositions Over, Under, and Above

### Reading and Discussion

What is a **preposition**?

A **preposition** is a word that connects a noun or pronoun to other words in a sentence. It can tell us four things:

**1. Location:** where something is located.

- Susan's bike is inside the garage.

The word **inside** is a preposition. It shows us where Susan's bike is located - inside the garage. Some prepositions that show location are: **in, near, on, outside, under.**

**2. Direction:** where something is going.

- Susan ran her bike through the yard.

The word **through** is a preposition. It shows us where Susan's bike is going - through the yard. Some prepositions that show direction are: **around, beside, past, to, toward.**

**3. Time:** when something happens or will happen.

- Susan will wait until tomorrow to ride her bike.

The word **until** is a preposition. It tells us when Susan will ride her bike – tomorrow. Some prepositions that show time are: **until, during, throughout.**

**4. Relationship:** these prepositions show the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence.

- The new pink bike was given to Susan by her grandmother.

The word **by** is a preposition. There are many other prepositions. Here are the nine we use the most:

- **at, by, for, from, in, of, on, to, with**

Be careful when using prepositions. Some prepositions can be used as conjunctions or adverbs as well. Whether a word is a preposition or not depends on its function in a sentence.

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## Activities

**Activity A:** Let's Review Prepositions.

1. A preposition is a word that connects a \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_ to other words in a sentence.

2. What are the four things a preposition might tell?

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3. What other two parts of speech use the same words as some prepositions?

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**Activity B:** Let's Create. Write two sentences. Use the preposition **with** for one sentence, and the preposition **on** for the other.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Activity C:** What preposition might you use on a book cover before the author's name.

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## Answer Key

### Activity A

1. A preposition is a word that connects a noun or pronoun to other words in a sentence.
2. What are the four things a preposition might tell?
  1. Location
  2. Time
  3. Direction
  4. Relationship
3. What other two parts of speech use the same words as some prepositions?
  1. Conjunctions
  2. Adverbs

### Activity B

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.

### Activity C

**by** For example: Tom Sawyer **by** Mark Twain.)