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Prepositions

What is a **preposition**? A preposition is a word or words that show how two nouns (or pronouns) are connected.

For example:

The book is *on* the table.

The preposition *on* tells us where the book is in relationship to the table.

Because of prepositions, we know where to find the book. The book could be *under* the table, *beside* the table, or stuck *between* the wall and the table.

Here is a list of the most common prepositions:

aboard, about, above, across, after, against, along, among, around, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, by, down, during, except, for, from, in, into, like, of, off, on, over, past, since, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without

Prepositions not only show relationships or place (over, under, beside) but they can also show relationships like time (before, during, after, since).

For example:

The teacher said "there is no talking *during* the test."

The preposition *during* tells us when we cannot talk in relationship to the test.

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Prepositions (Cont'd)

Prepositions are pretty easy to recognize and put into our own sentences, but there are a few tricky things we need to look out for when using prepositions.

First, *except* is a preposition and the word *but* is a preposition when it is used in place of *except*.

For example:

Everyone gets to go *except* me.

Or

Everyone gets to go *but* me.

The preposition *except* or *but* shows the relationship between me and everyone. They are going, I am not.

Second, the word *to* can be used as a preposition! Why isn't it used as a preposition in the two examples above? In the examples above, *to* is used as an infinitive linked with the verb go.

To is used as a preposition when it links nouns or pronouns together to show relationships between them, such as place.

I went *to* the movies is an example of *to* being used as a preposition because it tells the reader where you went.

Let's see how well you've learned about prepositions by doing the worksheet on the next page!

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Prepositions Questions

Look at the preposition list on the previous page if you need help!!

Circle the preposition in the following sentences:

- 1) The boy sat on the swing.
- 2) My sister hid under the table.
- 3) It usually snows during the winter.
- 4) I can play video games after my homework is done.

Fill in the blank with a preposition that fits:

- 5) I climbed _____ the neighbor's fence.
- 6) I threw my books _____ my locker.
- 7) He always tries to sit _____ me when we watch TV.
- 8) My dad says I can't go _____ I mow the lawn.

Write four of your own sentences using the prepositions given:

- 1) beneath
- 2) off
- 3) along
- 4) across

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Prepositions Answers

(There could be more than one correct answer):

Circle the preposition in the following sentences:

- 1) The boy sat (on) the swing.
- 2) My sister hid (under) the table.
- 3) It usually snows (during) the winter.
- 4) I can play video games (after) my homework is done.

Fill in the blank with a preposition that fits:

- 5) I climbed (over) the neighbor's fence.
- 6) I threw my books (in, into, at) my locker.
- 7) He always tries to sit (beside, near, by) me when we watch tv.
- 8) My dad says I can't go (until, before) I mow the lawn.

For questions 9-12, pretty much any sentence will be correct if they use the words given.