

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: What is a Preposition?

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 if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions: of, to, in, for, with, on, by, at, from, but, into, like, over, before, up, out, because of, due to.

Expected Explain if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions from Developing and the prepositions: between, after, since, around, without, among, against, including, following, across, behind, beyond, about, near, above, down, off, through, as a result of.

Greater Depth Explain if the preposition used in a sentence makes sense. Includes the prepositions from Developing and Expected and the prepositions: despite, throughout, towards, upon, except, plus, concerning, on account of.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Includes a word bank. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Replace the preposition to change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

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1a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

She went into the deep, dark cave.

Explain your reasoning.



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1b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

They washed their hands out lunch.

Explain your reasoning.



R

2a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

in

by

to

Charlie and Danny waited on the steps.



A

2b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

for

over

at

Daisy and Jenny walked to the bridge.



A

3a. List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

I sat _____ my brother at the dinner table.



A

3b. List 2 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

We looked _____ the old, empty house.



A

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4a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Jack and Alice played
games among they finished
their dinner.

Explain your reasoning.



R

4b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

The long school bus
skidded between the icy
weather.

Explain your reasoning.



R

5a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Holly fell down the stairs
and scratched her arms
and legs.



A

5b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Zara and Alex walked
through the village to get
back home.



A

6a. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

There is a nice park with a
football pitch _____ the
high school.



A

6b. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

The huge aeroplane flew
_____ the white, fluffy
clouds.



A

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7a. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

George found it very painful to speak towards his extremely sore throat.

Explain your reasoning.



R

7b. Does the preposition make sense in the sentence below?

Maisie and her friends worked hard on account of the school year.

Explain your reasoning.



R

8a. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

The whole class except me went rock climbing and abseiling last week.



A

8b. Use a different preposition to change the meaning of the sentence below.

Ramaya stepped carefully upon the rocks and walked cautiously.



A

9a. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

Jodie and her brother missed the bus _____ waking up too late.



A

9b. List 3 prepositions which could be used to complete the sentence below.

Steven and his cousin made their way _____ the sandy beach.



A

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- 1a. Yes because 'into' shows where she went in relation to the cave.
- 2a. Charlie and Danny waited by the steps.
- 3a. Various answers, for example: with, by.

Expected

- 4a. No because 'among' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'after'.
- 5a. Various answers, for example: Holly fell against the stairs and scratched her arms and legs; Holly fell as a result of the stairs and scratched her arms and legs.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: behind, near, by.

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- 7a. No because 'towards' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of cause such as 'on account of'.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: The whole class including me went rock climbing and abseiling last week; The whole class plus me went rock climbing and abseiling last week.
- 9a. Various answers, for example: on account of, as a result of, due to.

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- 1b. No because 'out' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'before'.
- 2b. Daisy and Jenny walked over the bridge.
- 3b. Various answers, for example: into, at.

Expected

- 4b. No because 'between' is a preposition of place. The sentence needs a preposition of cause such as 'as a result of'.
- 5b. Various answers, for example: Zara and Alex walked around the village to get back home; Zara and Alex walked near the village to get back home.
- 6b. Various answers, for example: above, through, between.

Greater Depth

- 7b. No because 'on account of' is a preposition of cause. The sentence needs a preposition of time such as 'throughout'.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: Ramaya stepped carefully towards the rocks and walked cautiously; Ramaya stepped carefully near the rocks and walked cautiously.
- 9b. Various answers, for example: towards, to, across.