

Varied Fluency

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:

Developing Questions to support the understanding and use of prepositions. Includes the prepositions: of, to, in, for, with, on, by, at, from, but, into, like, over, before, up, out, because of, due to.

Expected Questions to support the understanding and use of prepositions. 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 Questions to support the understanding and use of prepositions. Includes the prepositions from Developing and Expected and the prepositions: despite, throughout, towards, upon, except, plus, concerning, on account of.

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What is a Preposition?

1a. Underline the noun in the sentence below.

We went to the shop.



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What is a Preposition?

1b. Underline the noun in the sentence below.

They sat on the bench.



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2a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

I walk home from school.



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2b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

We walked up the stairs.



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3a. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

by cup bus
dog out at

Nouns	Prepositions



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3b. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

to before bee
hat over rock

Nouns	Prepositions



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

into by with

He sat _____ the river.



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4b. Use a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

of at to

Look _____ that dog!



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What is a Preposition?

5a. Underline the noun in the sentence below.

They are standing quietly behind the door.



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What is a Preposition?

5b. Underline the noun in the sentence below.

She is waiting near the big gate.



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6a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

The children are running across the playground.



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6b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

We must finish our art project after lunch.



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7a. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

lion through into
house beyond spoon

Nouns	Prepositions



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7b. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

against because of frog
school as a result of cake

Nouns	Prepositions



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8a. Use a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

about as a result of above

The birds flew _____ the beautiful lake.



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8b. Use a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

beyond following down

Jenny fell _____ the icy staircase.



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What is a Preposition?

9a. Underline the nouns in the sentence below.

Jason walked towards the magical, golden castle.



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What is a Preposition?

9b. Underline the nouns in the sentence below.

The glittering snow lay upon the trees in the silent forest.



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10a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

Mia loved swimming despite the cold water.



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10b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below.

Daniel's sister invited everyone except me.



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11a. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

upon among class
fruit concerning wood

Nouns	Prepositions



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11b. Sort the nouns and prepositions into the table below.

since building plus
stone on account of hill

Nouns	Prepositions



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12a. Use a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

with throughout plus

The history museum is open _____ the school year.



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12b. Use a preposition from the word bank to complete the sentence.

off towards among

The children ran _____ the open school gates.



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Developing

- 1a. **shop**
- 2a. **from**
- 3a. **Nouns – cup, bus, dog; Prepositions – by, out, at**
- 4a. **by**

Expected

- 5a. **door**
- 6a. **across**
- 7a. **Nouns – lion, house, spoon; Prepositions – through, beyond, into**
- 8a. **above**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **Jason, castle**
- 10a. **despite**
- 11a. **Nouns – class, fruit, wood; Prepositions – upon, among, concerning**
- 12a. **throughout**

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Developing

- 1b. **bench**
- 2b. **up**
- 3b. **Nouns – bee, hat, rock; Prepositions – to, before, over**
- 4b. **at**

Expected

- 5b. **gate**
- 6b. **after**
- 7b. **Nouns – frog, school, cake; Prepositions – against, because of, as a result of**
- 8b. **down**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **snow, trees, forest**
- 10b. **except**
- 11b. **Nouns – building, stone, hill; Prepositions – since, plus, on account of**
- 12b. **towards**