



Prepositions Worksheet

Words that tell you where something is.



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ASHA places inside, on and under in the 3-to-4-year band, and behind, beside and between in the 4-to-5-year band

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Prepositions are small words that carry a lot of weight - they tell you where something is, when it happened, or how it relates to something else. Spatial prepositions come first and in a fairly predictable order. "In" and "on" are early because containers and surfaces are concrete. "Between" and "in front of" come much later because they require holding two reference points in mind at once.

What to expect: By 2;6 most children understand "in" and "on" even if they cannot say them. By 3;6 add "under," "out of," and "off." Around 4;6 come "behind," "in front of," "next to," and "between." "Above," "below," "around," and "through" round things out by about 5;6. Understanding always runs ahead of use.

Early Prepositions: In, On, Under, Out

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.

-  1 The cat is sleeping ____ the sofa.
-  2 The two children are ____ the blanket fort.
-  3 The crayons are ____ the rug.
-  4 The dog's food is ____ the bowl.
-  5 The dad is taking the clothes ____ of the basket.
-  6 The pencils are ____ the cup.
-  7 The rug is ____ the children.
-  8 The water is coming ____ of the watering can.
-  9 The mat is ____ the dog's bowl.



10 The cushions are ____ the sofa.

Later Prepositions: Behind, In Front Of, Next To, Between

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.

11 The whiteboard is ____ the teacher.

12 The puppy is asleep ____ the two children reading.

13 The big book is ____ the two children.

14 The two children reading are sitting ____ each other.

15 The easel is ____ the girl who is painting.

16 The boy with his hand up is sitting ____ the other children.

17 The hamster's cage is ____ the boy who is writing.

18 The pot of crayons is ____ the boy who is cutting.

19 The teddy bear is sitting ____ the plants on the shelf.

20 The blue chair is ____ the round table.

Advanced Prepositions: Above, Below, Through, Around, Across

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.

21 The kite is flying ____ the trees.

22 The sun is ____ the clouds.

23 The cat is lying ____ the bench.

24 The pond is ____ the big tree.

25 The path goes ____ the grass.

26 The ducks are swimming ____ the pond.

27 The children ride their bikes ____ the park.

28 The path winds ____ the trees.



29 The flowers grow ____ the pond.

30 The ducklings swim ____ their mother.

Where Is Teddy?

Look at the picture. Where is Teddy? Fill in the blank.

31 Teddy is sitting ____ the box.



32 Teddy is sitting ____ the box lid.



33 Teddy is sitting ____ the box on legs.



34 Teddy is hiding ____ the box.



35 Teddy is sitting ____ the box, facing us.



36 Teddy is sitting right ____ the box.



37 Teddy is sitting ____ the two boxes.





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A balloon carries Teddy up ____ the box.



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The box is on a shelf. Teddy sits ____ it.



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Teddy is walking all the way ____ the box.



41

Teddy is crawling ____ the box tunnel.



42

Teddy is hopping ____ the stream.



43

Teddy is climbing ____ the box.



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Follow the Direction

Give the child a small toy and a box. Read each direction and have them act it out.

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Put the toy in the box.

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Put the toy on the box.

46

Put the toy under the box.

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Put the toy behind the box.

48

Put the toy next to the box.



49

Put the toy in front of the box.



50

Hold the toy above the box.



51

Move the toy around the box.





Answer Key

Early Prepositions: In, On, Under, Out

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| 1. on | 6. in |
| 2. in | 7. under |
| 3. on | 8. out |
| 4. in | 9. under |
| 5. out | 10. on |

Later Prepositions: Behind, In Front Of, Next To, Between

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| 11. behind | 16. behind |
| 12. in front of | 17. next to |
| 13. between | 18. next to |
| 14. next to | 19. between |
| 15. in front of | 20. next to |

Advanced Prepositions: Above, Below, Through, Around, Across

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| 21. above | 26. across |
| 22. above | 27. through |
| 23. below | 28. through |
| 24. below | 29. around |
| 25. across | 30. around |

Where Is Teddy?

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 31. in | 38. above |
| 32. on | 39. below |
| 33. under | 40. around |
| 34. behind | 41. through |
| 35. in front of | 42. across |
| 36. next to | 43. out of |
| 37. between | |

Follow the Direction

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 44. Toy inside the box | 48. Toy beside the box |
| 45. Toy on top of the box | 49. Toy in front of the box |
| 46. Toy beneath the box | 50. Toy held over the box |
| 47. Toy in back of the box | 51. Toy circling the box |