

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

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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 each picture card and fill in the blank.

1. The cat is ____ the box. (inside it)
2. The book is ____ the table. (on top)
3. The ball is ____ the bed. (beneath it)
4. The bird flew ____ of the cage.
5. The socks are ____ the drawer.
6. The cup is ____ the shelf.
7. The dog is ____ the porch. (beneath it)
8. The toys are ____ the toy box.
9. The hat is ____ his head.
10. The shoes are ____ the chair. (beneath it)

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

Look at each picture card and fill in the blank.

11. The boy is hiding ____ the tree.
12. The car is parked ____ the house.
13. The lamp is ____ the couch. (beside it)
14. The red block is ____ the two blue blocks.
15. The girl is standing ____ her mom. (in back)
16. The dog is sitting ____ the door. (facing it)
17. The fork is ____ the plate. (beside it)
18. The cat is ____ the two chairs.
19. The backpack is ____ the desk. (in back)
20. The teacher stands ____ the class. (facing them)

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

Look at each picture card and fill in the blank.

21. The plane is flying ____ the clouds.
22. The fish are swimming ____ the boat. (underneath)
23. The train goes ____ the tunnel.
24. The kids ran ____ the track. (in a circle)
25. The bridge goes ____ the river.
26. The kite is ____ the rooftops.
27. The roots grow ____ the ground.
28. The thread goes ____ the needle.

29. The fence goes ____ the yard. (in a circle)

30. We walked ____ the street.

Follow the Direction

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

31. Put the toy in the box.

32. Put the toy on the box.

33. Put the toy under the box.

34. Put the toy behind the box.

35. Put the toy next to the box.

36. Put the toy in front of the box.

37. Hold the toy above the box.

38. Move the toy around the box.

Answer Key

Early Prepositions: In, On, Under, Out

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

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

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

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

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

Follow the Direction

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| 31. Toy inside the box | 35. Toy beside the box |
| 32. Toy on top of the box | 36. Toy in front of the box |
| 33. Toy beneath the box | 37. Toy held over the box |
| 34. Toy in back of the box | 38. Toy circling the box |