

Spatial Concepts Worksheet

In, on, under, behind, between - where things are.

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ASHA places understanding and using location words like inside, on and under in

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Spatial concepts are the words that answer "where". They are harder than they look, because most of them describe a relationship rather than a thing - "under" is not a property of the ball or the table, it is the arrangement between them. A child has to hold both objects in mind at once and attend to the word that connects them.

What to expect: Comprehension runs ahead of use, sometimes by a year. A child who cannot say "behind" may still put the cup behind the box when asked. Watch for children who succeed by guessing from context: if the only sensible place for milk is IN the fridge, following "put the milk in the fridge" proves nothing about the word "in". The real test is a direction with two plausible answers.

Where Is It?

Answer each question with a spatial word.

1. The cat is sleeping ____ the bed. (not on top - below it)
2. The book is ____ the shelf. (resting on top)
3. The milk is ____ the fridge. (inside)
4. The ball rolled ____ the couch. (out of sight at the back)
5. The teacher stands ____ the class. (at the front, facing them)
6. The peanut butter is ____ the bread and the jelly. (in the middle of two things)
7. The plane flew ____ the clouds. (higher up)
8. My shoes are ____ my bed. (below it)
9. Sit ____ me. (right beside)
10. The dog walked ____ the tunnel and came out the other side.

Follow the Direction

Give the child a small object and a container. Read each direction once and see what they do.

11. Put the block in the cup.
12. Put the block under the cup.
13. Put the block behind the cup.
14. Put the block next to the cup.
15. Put the block on top of the cup.
16. Put the block between the cup and the spoon.
17. Put the block in front of the cup.
18. Hold the block above the cup.

Tell Me Where

Look at each picture and say a whole sentence about where the thing is.

19. Where is the cat? (sitting in a box)
20. Where is the kite? (up in the sky)
21. Where is the shoe? (poking out from under the bed)
22. Where is the boy? (standing at the back of his sister)
23. Where is the dog? (lying beside the couch)
24. Where is the sandwich? (on the plate)

Answer Key

Where Is It?

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| 1. under | 6. between |
| 2. on | 7. above |
| 3. in | 8. under |
| 4. behind | 9. next to |
| 5. in front of | 10. through |

Follow the Direction

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| 11. block inside the cup | 15. block resting on the cup |
| 12. block beneath the cup | 16. block in the middle |
| 13. block at the back of the cup | 17. block at the near side |
| 14. block beside the cup | 18. block held up over the cup |

Tell Me Where

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| 19. The cat is in the box. | 22. The boy is behind his sister. |
| 20. The kite is above the trees. | 23. The dog is next to the couch. |
| 21. The shoe is under the bed. | 24. The sandwich is on the plate. |