

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Prepositional Phrases

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 using prepositional phrases. Includes the most frequently used 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 using prepositional phrases. Includes the most frequently used prepositions and the commonly used 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 using prepositional phrases. Includes the most frequently used prepositions, commonly used prepositions and the less commonly used prepositions: despite, throughout, towards, upon, except, plus, concerning, on account of.

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Prepositional Phrases

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1a. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

at home

my friend

the pencil

to the park



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1b. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

a classroom

into the garden

by the chair

this computer



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2a. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Put your book on my desk.



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2b. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

I will collect you from school.



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3a. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Take your brother with you.



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3b. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Alice got there before me.



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4a. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase from the word bank.

on my shoes

by the door

Please wait _____.



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4b. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase from the word bank.

for her friend

at work

My mum is _____.



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5a. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

friendly dog above the trees

the little girl across the road

down the hill a new, red bag



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5b. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

the playground the tiny mice

against the wall broken glass

beyond the town after school



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6a. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

The scared kitten hid behind its mother.



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6b. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Oscar sits between Alfie and Sumiya.



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7a. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Sam and Lily finished their homework before dinner.



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7b. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

I have been reading every day since January.



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8a. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase from the word bank.

off the table near the school over the moon

The old, oak tree is _____

_____.



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8b. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase from the word bank.

through the tunnel above the stars up the trees

Ted drove his lorry _____

_____.



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Prepositional Phrases

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9a. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

walking slowly despite the rain

except Jordan playing football

carry your bag towards the river



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9b. Circle the prepositional phrases below.

quick swimmer upon the ground

concerning you very frightened

take your time throughout winter



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10a. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Mr Brown is having a meeting concerning our behaviour.



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10b. True or false?

The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

Jess couldn't get there on account of the icy roads.



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11a. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Liam's baby sister cried throughout the night so he is really tired today.



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11b. Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

Anya walked towards the classroom as the school day was starting.



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12a. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase.

The school is closed today _____

_____.



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12b. Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase.

Everyone is going to the party _____

_____.



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Developing

- 1a. at home, to the park
- 2a. True
- 3a. with you
- 4a. by the door

Expected

- 5a. above the trees, across the road, down the hill
- 6a. True
- 7a. before dinner
- 8a. near the school

Greater Depth

- 9a. despite the rain, except Jordan, towards the river
- 10a. True
- 11a. throughout the night
- 12a. Various possible answers, for example: on account of the flood, due to the heavy snow, because of the fire.

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Developing

- 1b. into the garden, by the chair
- 2b. True
- 3b. before me
- 4b. at work

Expected

- 5b. against the wall, beyond the town, after school
- 6b. True
- 7b. since January
- 8b. through the tunnel

Greater Depth

- 9b. upon the ground, concerning you, throughout winter
- 10b. True
- 11b. towards the classroom
- 12b. Various possible answers, for example: except me and Jason, upon the beach, including my sister.