

Prepositions

Part A

A **preposition** is a word or phrase used to describe a **place**, **time** or **movement**. In this activity, we will be looking at prepositions that describe a **place**.

E.g. Bee was **inside** the tent. Dog jumped **over** the branch.

1. Underline the preposition in each sentence.

- a) There is a sore patch on the back of Bee's head.
- b) Dog flips onto his back.
- c) Bee rests her head on Dog's grey, furry tummy.
- d) She is lying in dank, sloppy mud.
- e) She feels cosier than a bee in a hive.
- f) She slides into a dream.
- g) She dreams that she is chasing after a beast.
- h) Dog stands outside the little cave.
- i) She scrambles from the cave.
- j) They tramp through the passage in the rock.
- k) Beside his muddy paws, Bee spots bright yellow flowers with spiky green leaves.
- l) Bee throws herself onto the soft ground beside him.
- m) She follows him through the trees.
- n) She crunches the ants between her teeth.



2. Choose an appropriate preposition from the word bank to go in each of the following sentences.

through

behind

under

below

over

towards

a) Dog hid _____ a log.

b) The ants hurried to hide _____ a rock.

c) The tribe stood _____ the red sun and gazed in amazement.

d) Dog ran _____ Bee excitedly.

e) Bee tucked the goatskin _____ her feet.

f) Bee ran quickly _____ the forest.

3. Now write your own sentence containing the preposition 'through'.

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Look back at Chapter 3 of 'How to Skin a Bear'. Write down the prepositions that you can find in this chapter.

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2. Underline the preposition in each sentence. Example answers:

- a) Dog hid behind a log.
- b) The ants hurried to hide under a rock.
- c) The tribe stood below the red sun and gazed in amazement.
- d) Dog ran towards Bee excitedly.
- e) Bee tucked the goatskin over her feet.
- f) Bee ran quickly through the forest.

3. Example answer:

Bee walked fearlessly through the tall grass.

Part B

Example answer:

*The family had been walking **since** morning and were now heading **into** the forest. Dad called, "Make sure you stay **on** the path." The dog walked **in front of** the humans **during** their walk. **Beside** the pathway were beautiful wild flowers. A tiny bird flew **across** their path and the whole family marvelled at its delicate wings. They all carried on walking **towards** the picnic area. After they reached the picnic area, they sat **down** and had some afternoon snacks. They sat **under** the branches of the fresh-smelling trees **on** wooden benches and enjoyed taking a break.*

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Example answer:

through, on, from, in, into, around, until, off, at, up, after, uphill, over, round, against, nearby, out, inside