

# Parent Guide

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## What is this resource and how do I use it?

This resource pack is the ideal way to learn about - and practise using - prepositions and prepositional phrases. Start by reading through the parent guide included in this pack, then encourage your child to try some of the activities. These include identifying prepositions and prepositional phrases, as well as using them in their writing.

## What skills does this practise?

Reading

Writing

Grammar

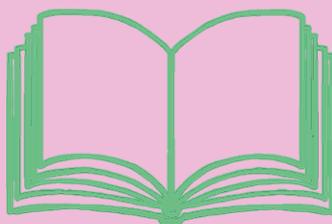
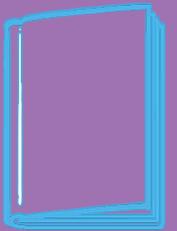
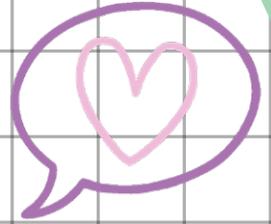
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## Further Activity Ideas and Suggestions

There is a whole section of the [Parents' Hub](#) dedicated to [Grammar](#) to support you and your child at home. We also have three Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Activities for your child to try - [Set 1](#), [Set 2](#) and [Set 3](#). They're good for identifying strengths and areas for development.

This booklet belongs to: \_\_\_\_\_

# Preposition and Prepositional Phrase Activities



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# A Parent Guide to Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

## What is a preposition?

Prepositions are words that link nouns, pronouns and phrases. You can read more about prepositions [here](#).

## What is a prepositional phrase?

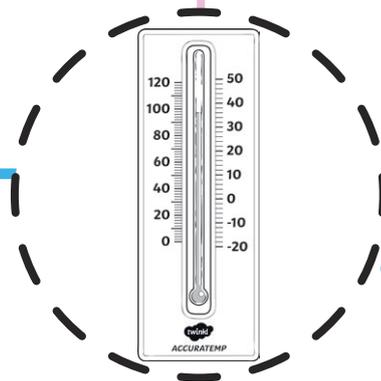
A prepositional phrase is a group of words that start with a preposition and explain the **time** or **place** that something happened. They are also used for **cause**.

## Examples

from my grandmother

on Christmas Day

due to the hot weather



A prepositional phrase can also function as an adverbial phrase by modifying a verb. To explore the relationship between prepositional and adverbial phrases further, take a look [here](#).

# A Parent Guide to Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

## Prepositional Openers

Prepositional phrases can also act as an adverbial phrase and, when used at the start of a sentence, they act as a **fronted adverbial**. When starting a sentence with a prepositional phrase, it has to be separated from the main clause with a comma. In this example, the prepositional phrase has been moved to the start of the sentence.

## Example

Joni went for a walk in the morning.

In the morning, Joni went for a walk.

## Sorting Prepositions

Prepositions can tell us different things:

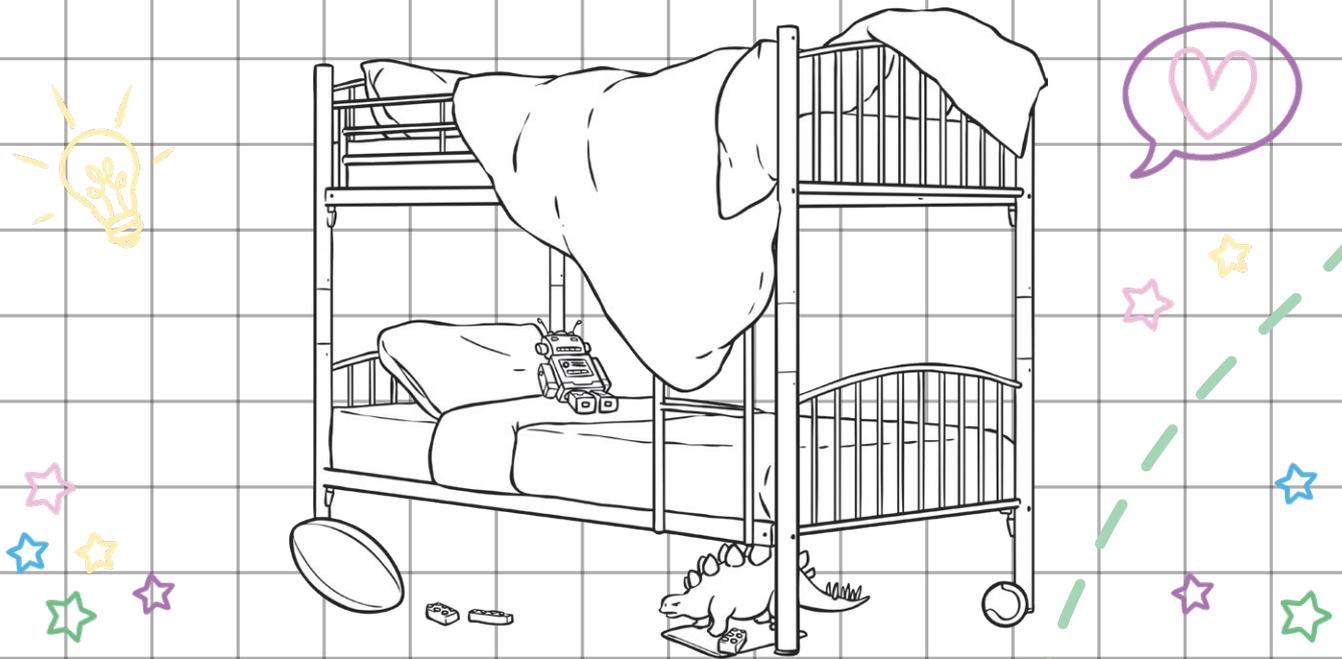
- Some tell us where things are in terms of **time**, like at 12 o'clock, in August or on my birthday.
- Some tell us where things are in terms of **place**, like behind, beside, across, between or under.
- Some can be used to show us the **cause**, like due to, because of or as a result of.



# A Messy Bedroom

## Identify Prepositional Phrases

Below is a description of a messy bedroom. Underline all the prepositional phrases in the text. There are eleven altogether – can you spot them all?



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'I'll do it first thing in the morning,' he thought to himself as he shoved another dirty sock beneath his pillow.

It's your turn! In the box below, draw or glue a picture of your bedroom. Then, write a description of your bedroom which includes prepositional phrases. Underline or highlight each prepositional phrase as you write.

**Tip:** Use the prepositions in the box to help you write your phrases.

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in  
beside  
behind  
between  
across  
through  
next to  
below  
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by  
near to

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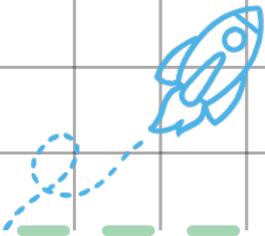
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on      in honour of      inside      at      due to  
under      across      in summer      before      through



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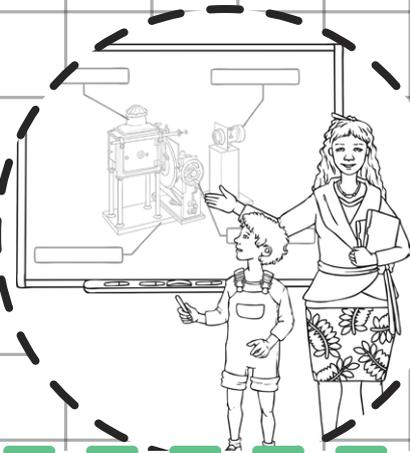
# Preposition Sentences

## Prepositions for Location

Look at each of the images below. By each image there is a question. Write a sentence, which includes a preposition, that answers the question in each sentence. Circle the preposition you use each time. For example: Where is the mouse? The mouse is sitting happily **on** the biscuit jar.

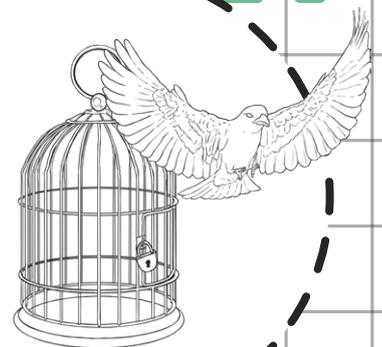
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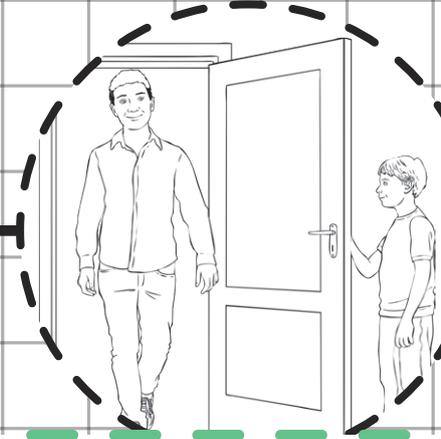
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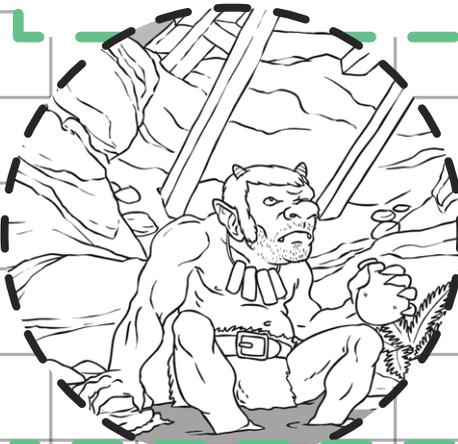
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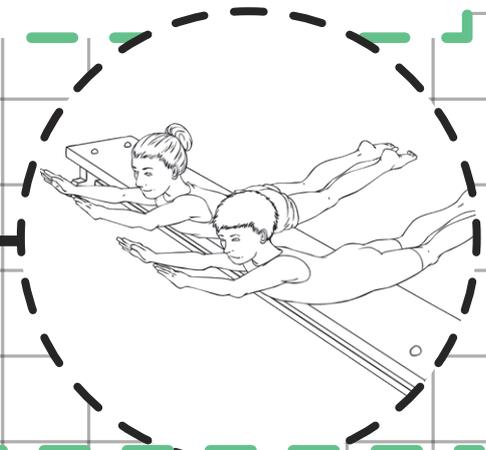
Where did the man walk?



Where is the troll?



What are the children doing?



Where is the girl marching?



# Preposition Sort

Identify different types of prepositions and their uses

Help Kiara to complete the table below by placing the prepositions in the correct column based on their function: **time**, **place** or **cause**.

adjacent to	on	because of	on Thursday
beside	due to	after	thanks to
at the weekend	before	in between	across
under	following	owing to	since

Place

Time

Cause

**Challenge:** Write three sentences. Use a preposition from each of the columns above.

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cause:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Prepositional Openers

Add a prepositional phrase from below to each of the sentences.  
Remember to add the comma too.

Through the forest

After the race

Under the waves

Through the blue sky

In the tree branches

In summer

Underneath the stairs

Due to the heavy snow

1. \_\_\_\_\_ mum stored the vacuum cleaner.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jessie got a gold medal for coming first.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ school was closed for the day.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ planes flew taking passengers on holiday.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a school of dolphins swam.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the elephants marched like soldiers.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ we are going on holiday.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the birds were singing merrily.



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## Preparation

Before playing the game, print out the game playing cards and cut them out. Keep the cards in two separate piles (preposition cards and object cards). Tip: You may wish to laminate them if you have a laminator.

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- First, shuffle each pile of cards (preposition cards and object cards) and place them face down.
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- The person with the most pairs at the end of the game is the winner.

## Miss a turn card

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**in**

**at**

**on**

**on top  
of**

**next to**

**between**

**above**

**near**



**far**

**out**

**under**

**around**



**beside**

**over**

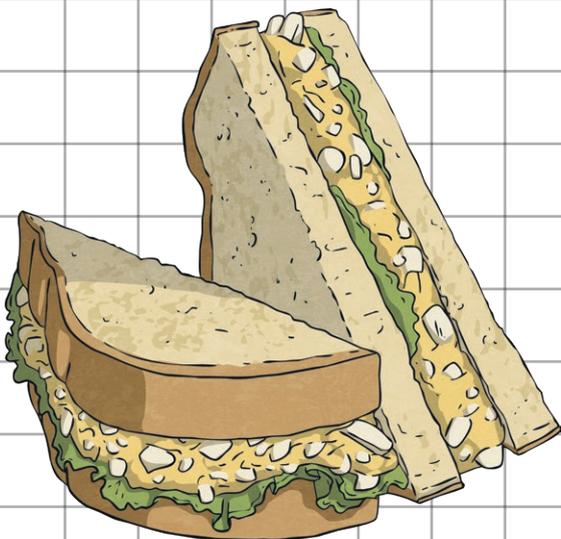
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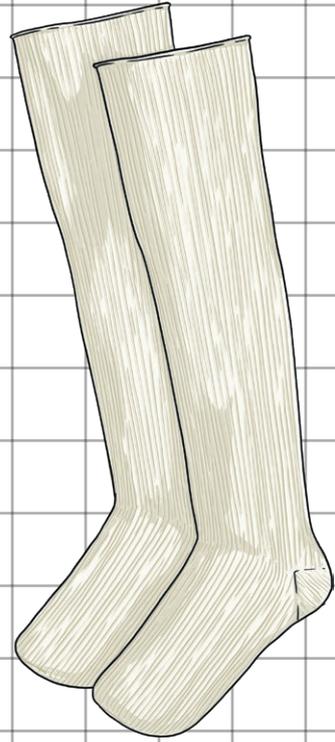
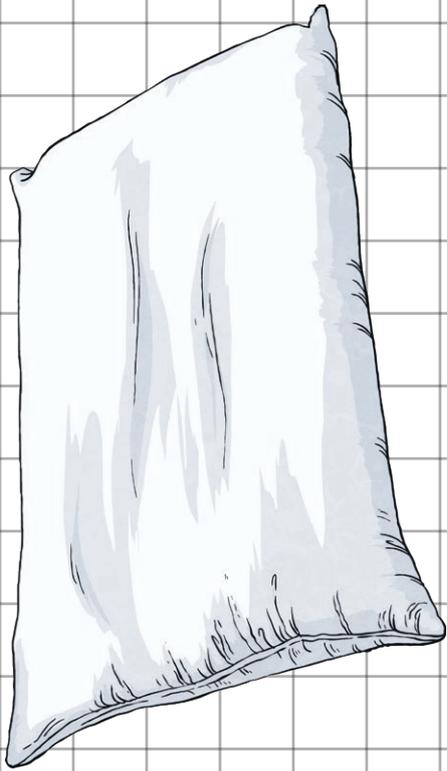
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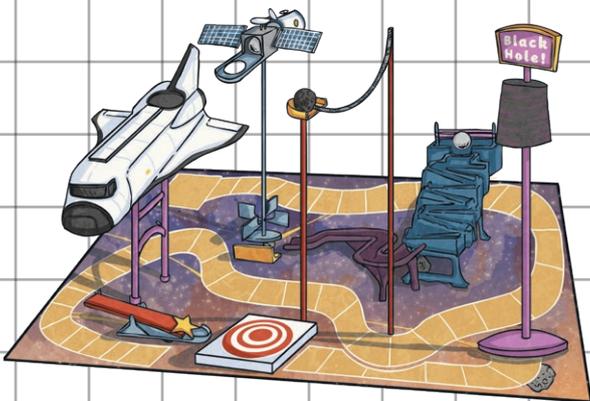
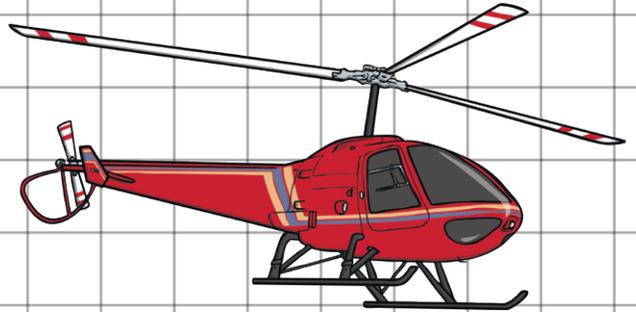
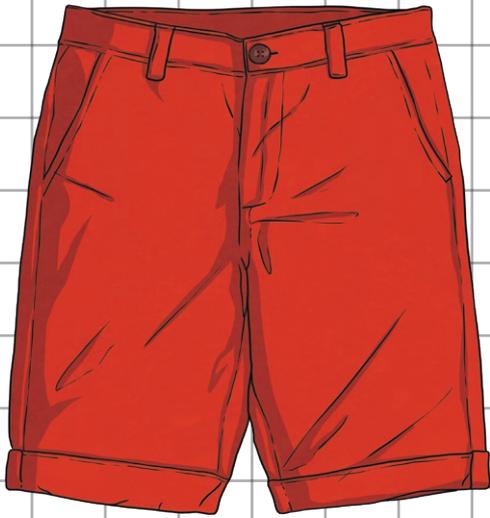


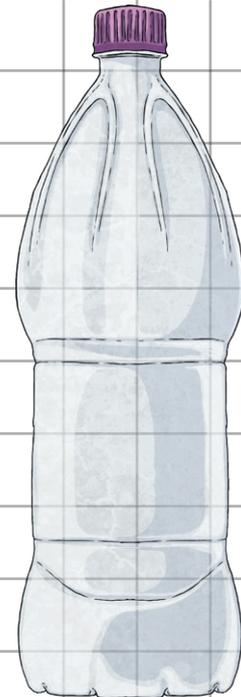
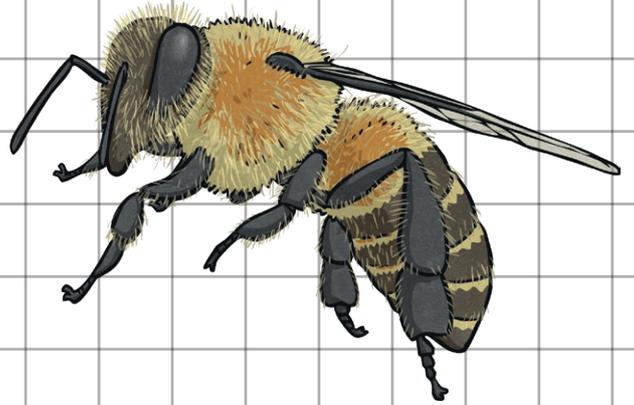
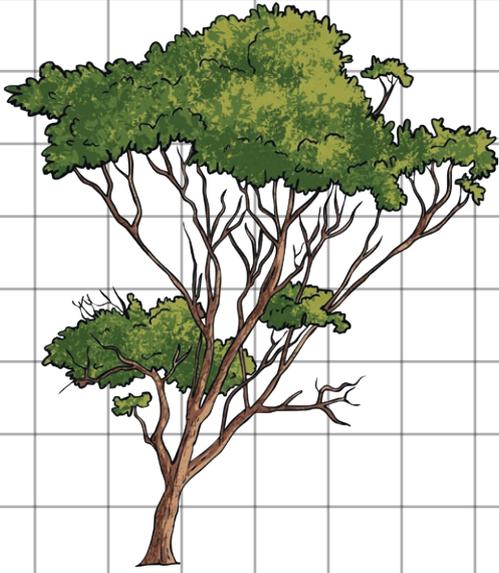
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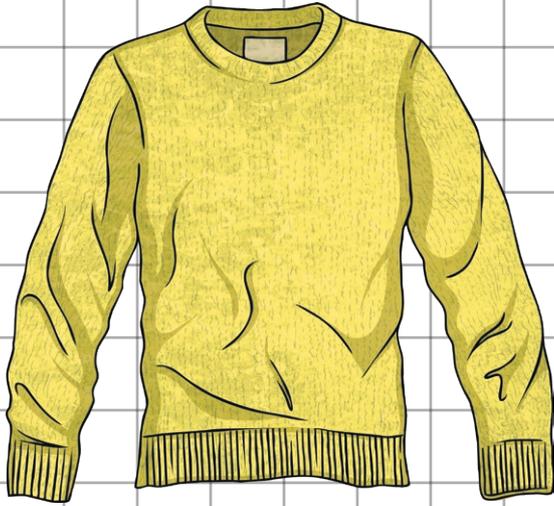
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**under**

**behind**

**in front  
of**



**inside**

**outside**

**opposite**

**adjacent  
to**

**through**

**across**

**due to**

**On  
Monday**



**at 1  
o'clock**

**beyond**

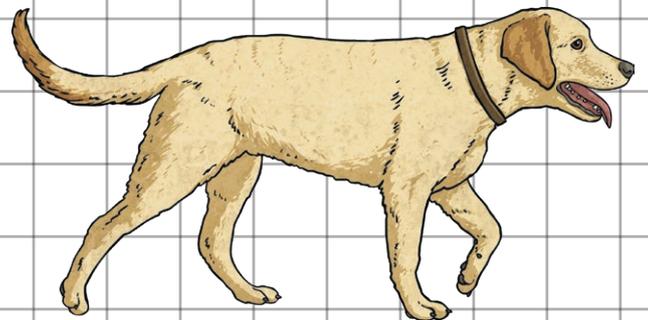
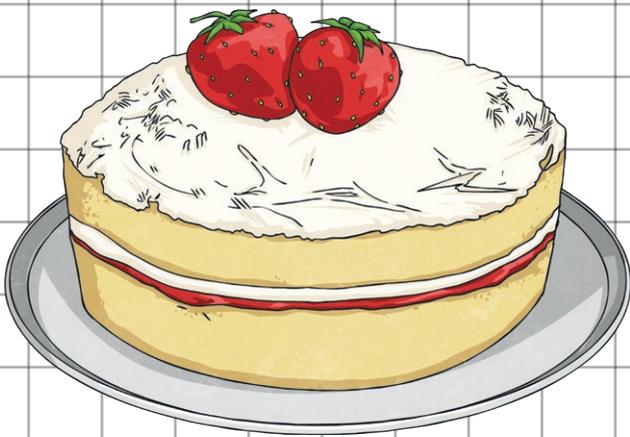
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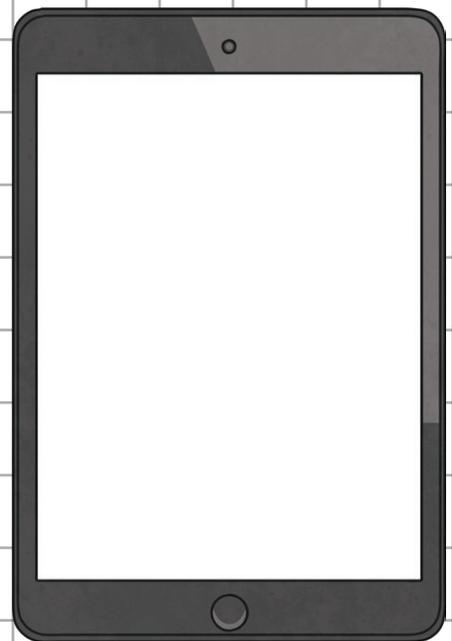
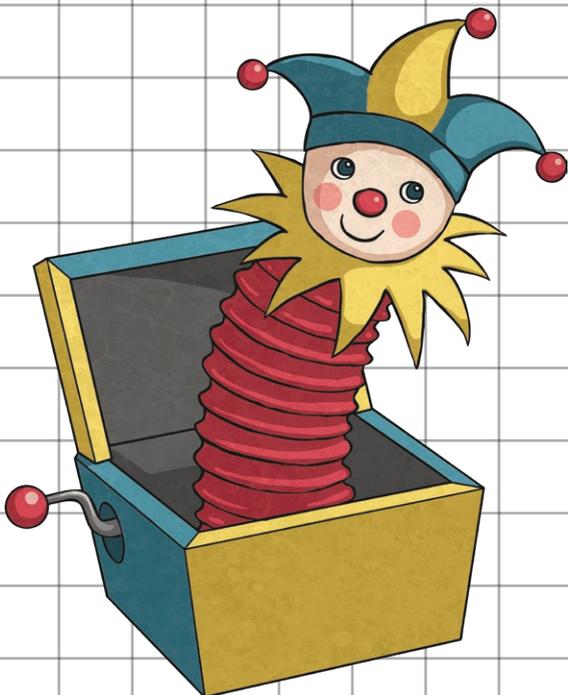
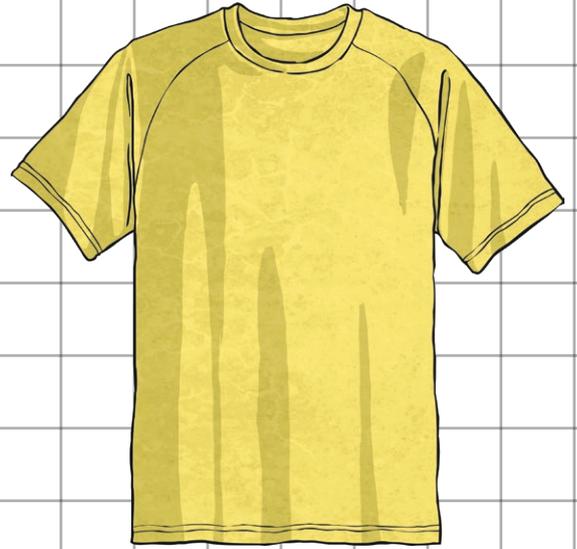
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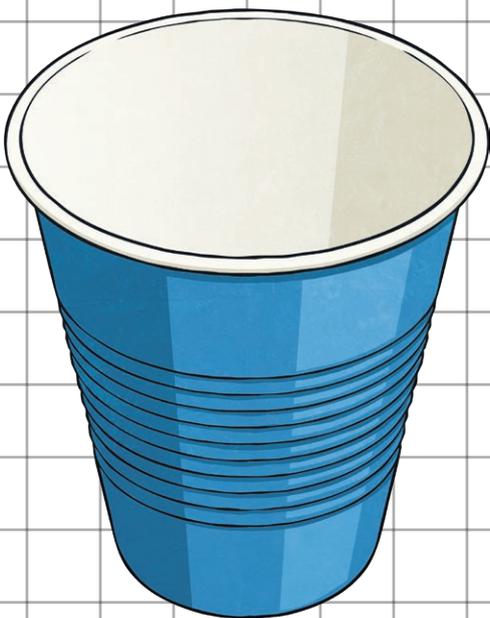
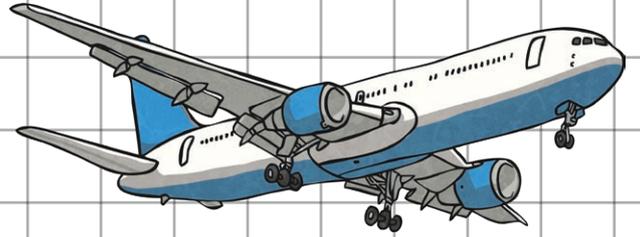


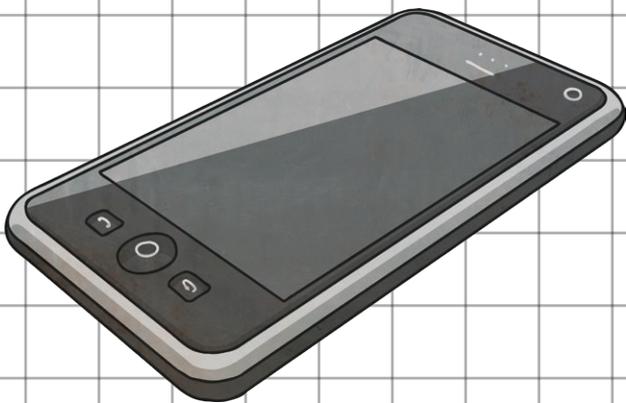
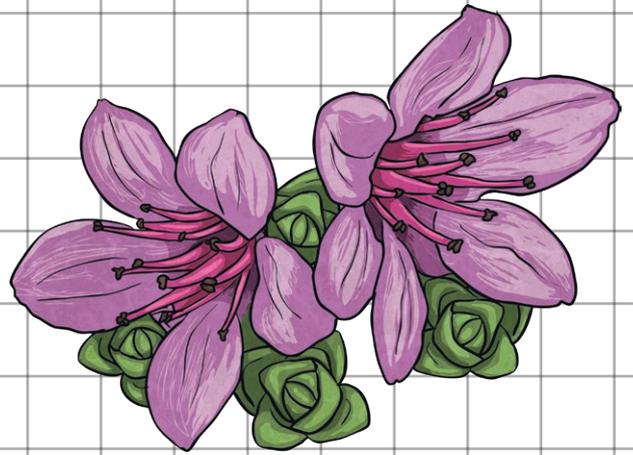
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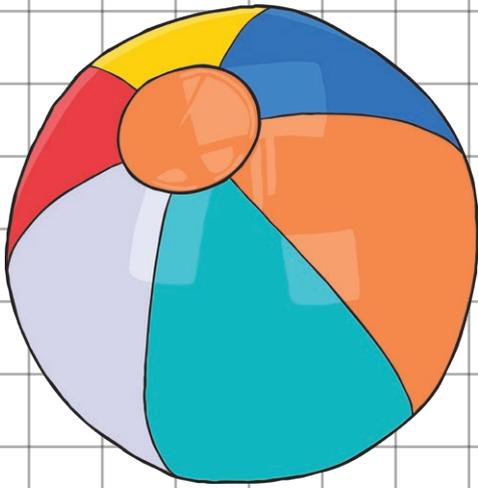
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# Preposition Sentences Answers

Here are some suggested ways to answer the questions using location prepositions. You might not have written exactly the same sentences.

Where is the pupil standing?

**The pupil is standing in front of the whiteboard.**

Where is the girl sitting?

**The girl is sitting on the chair.**

Where did the bird fly?

**The bird flew out of its cage.**

Where did the man walk?

**The man walked through the door.**

Where is the troll?

**The troll is under the bridge.**

What are the children doing?

**The children are lying across the bench.**

Where is the girl marching?

**The girl is marching in the playground.**

# Preposition Sort **Answers**

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