

PREPOSITIONS IN ENGLISH

Interactive Smartboard Lesson • 40 minutes

Prepositions in English

Prepositions show the relationship between a noun (person, place or thing) and other words in a sentence.

in



The cat is **in** the box.

on



The cat is **on** the table.

under



The dog is **under** the table.

next to



The bottle is **next to** the bag.

behind



The cat is **behind** the plant.

in front of



The bag is **in front of** the chair.

between



The plant is **between** the books.

among



The small penguin is **among** the others.

across



The car is **across** the street.

through



The dog is going **through** the tunnel.

from



The cat is jumping **from** the chair.

to



He is going **to** school.

for



This gift is **for** you.

Remember!

- Prepositions often tell us where, when or how.
- They can be single words (in, on, at) or phrases (next to, in front of, because of).
- The same preposition can be used in different situations.



More common prepositions

- at
- by
- for
- with
- without
- about
- into
- onto
- during
- until

Practice using prepositions in your own sentences!

Teacher tip: Keep this picture on screen during the speaking activities. Ask students to point, say the preposition, and make a complete sentence.

1. WARM-UP — LOOK & POINT

Keep the poster on the previous page visible. Students answer by pointing at the picture or saying the answer.

Teacher asks	Students say
Where is the cat?	in the box
Where is the cat?	on the table
Where is the dog?	under the table
Where is the bottle?	next to the bag
Where is the cat?	behind the plant

Challenge: Ask a student to make a new sentence using one of the prepositions without looking at the words.

2. CHOOSE THE PREPOSITION

Touch/click the best answer. Then say the complete sentence aloud.

1. The cat is ___ the box.

IN / ON / UNDER

2. The dog is ___ the table.

ON / UNDER / BETWEEN

3. The bottle is ___ the bag.

NEXT TO / IN / FROM

4. The cat is ___ the plant.

BEHIND / TO / FOR

5. The bag is ___ the chair.

IN FRONT OF / AMONG / THROUGH

3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Students say the missing preposition. Bonus point: say the whole sentence.

1. The plant is _____ the books.
2. The small penguin is _____ the others.
3. The car is _____ the street.
4. The dog is going _____ the tunnel.
5. He is going _____ school.
6. This gift is _____ you.
7. The cat is jumping _____ the chair.

4. TRUE OR FALSE?

Students show ☐ for TRUE and ☐ for FALSE, then correct the false sentences.

1. The cat is in the box. TRUE / FALSE

2. The dog is on the table. TRUE / FALSE

3. The bottle is next to the bag. TRUE / FALSE

4. The bag is behind the chair. TRUE / FALSE

5. The plant is between the books. TRUE / FALSE

6. The dog is going through the tunnel. TRUE / FALSE

5. SPEAKING CHALLENGE

Work in pairs. Student A asks. Student B answers in a complete sentence.

A Where is the cat?

B The cat is _____.

A Where is the bottle?

B The bottle is _____.

A Where is the plant?

B The plant is _____.

A Where is the bag?

B The bag is _____.

A Where is the dog?

B The dog is _____.

6. QUICK FIRE!

Teacher says a preposition. Students point to an example on the poster as fast as they can.

IN	ON	UNDER	NEXT TO	BEHIND
IN FRONT OF	BETWEEN	AMONG	ACROSS	THROUGH
FROM	TO	FOR		

Game: Give teams 10 seconds to find a picture example. One point for the correct preposition + one point for a complete sentence.

7. ANSWER KEY — TEACHER PAGE

Choose the Preposition: 1. IN 2. UNDER 3. NEXT TO 4. BEHIND 5. IN FRONT OF

Complete the Sentence: 1. between 2. among 3. across 4. through 5. to 6. for
7. from

True / False: 1. True 2. False — the dog is under the table. 3. True 4. False — the bag is in front of the chair. 5. True 6. True

Extension: Ask students to create 3 new sentences about objects in the classroom using different prepositions: “The pencil is ___ the book.” “The chair is ___ the desk.” etc.

Suggested timing: Warm-up 5 min • Choose 7 min • Complete 7 min • True/False 5 min • Speaking 10 min • Quick Fire 6 min