GRAMMAR

Prepositional phrases

Name _____ Date _____

I can use prepositional phrases to tell where and when.

1 The rule

A preposition shows where or when (in, on, under, after). A prepositional phrase starts with a preposition and ends with a noun.

After lunch, the cat slept **under the table**.

2 Look and say



in
a gift in the box



on
a hat on my head



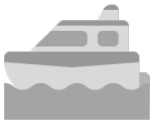
under
under the umbrella



behind
behind the tree

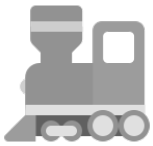


over
over the clouds



across
across the lake

around
around the Earth



through
through the tunnel

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

Name _____ Date _____

Read each prepositional phrase. Does it tell where or when? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

under the bed | until bedtime | on the roof

at noon | behind the door | near the lake

across the street | during the game | in the morning

before school | in the box | after lunch

where	when

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Find it in a sentence

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Read each sentence. Circle the prepositional phrase.

1. The ball rolled under the couch.
2. We ate lunch after the game.
3. A bird sat on the fence.
4. The cat hid behind the curtain.
5. I read before bedtime.
6. The boat sailed across the lake.
7. We played during recess.
8. The plane flew over the clouds.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Write it

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Pick a preposition from the box to finish each sentence.

1 Word bank

under | on | after | behind | across | in

1. The fish swim _____ the pond.
2. Put the cup _____ the table.
3. The dog hid _____ the bed.
4. We walked _____ the bridge.
5. We play _____ school.
6. The sun went _____ a cloud.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: prepositional phrases

1 Sort the words

where: under the bed, on the roof, behind the door, in the box, across the street, near the lake

when: after lunch, before school, during the game, at noon, in the morning, until bedtime

2 Find it in a sentence

1. under the couch 2. after the game 3. on the fence 4. behind the curtain 5. before bedtime 6. across the lake 7. during recess 8. over the clouds

3 Write it

1. in 2. on 3. under 4. across 5. after 6. behind

4 Teaching tip

Use a toy and a box. Children place the toy and say where it is: in the box, on the box, behind the box. Then add time phrases: before lunch, after school.

Watch for: Stopping after the preposition, as in "The cat is under." Ask, "Under what?" A prepositional phrase needs a noun: under the chair.

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