Prepositions Worksheet

Words that tell you where something is.



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ASHA places inside, on and under in the 3-to-4-year band, and behind, beside and between in the 4-to-5-year band

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Prepositions are small words that carry a lot of weight - they tell you where something is, when it happened, or how it relates to something else. Spatial prepositions come first and in a fairly predictable order. "In" and "on" are early because containers and surfaces are concrete. "Between" and "in front of" come much later because they require holding two reference points in mind at once.

What to expect: By 2;6 most children understand "in" and "on" even if they cannot say them. By 3;6 add "under," "out of," and "off." Around 4;6 come "behind," "in front of," "next to," and "between." "Above," "below," "around," and "through" round things out by about 5;6. Understanding always runs ahead of use.

Early Prepositions: In, On, Under, Out

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.



1. The cat is sleeping ____ the sofa.

2. The two children are ____ the blanket fort.
3. The crayons are ____ the rug.
4. The dog's food is ____ the bowl.
5. The dad is taking the clothes ____ of the basket.
6. Some crayons are ____ the purple cup.
7. The rug is ____ the children.
8. The water is coming ____ of the watering can.
9. The mat is ____ the dog's bowl.
10. The cushions are ____ the sofa.

Later Prepositions: Behind, In Front Of, Next To, Between

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.



11. The bookshelf is ____ the girl with the pitcher.
12. The puppy is asleep ____ the two children reading.
13. The big book is ____ the two children.
14. The two children reading are sitting ____ each other.

15 The easel is ____ the girl who is painting.

16 The boy with his hand up is sitting ____ the other children.

17 The hamster's wheel is ____ the boy building with blocks.

18 The cup of crayons is ____ the boy who is cutting.

19 The teddy bear is sitting ____ the little toy house on the shelf.

20 The blue chair is ____ the round table.

Advanced Prepositions: Above, Below, Through, Around, Across

Look at the picture and fill in the blank.



21 The kite is flying ____ the trees.

22 The sun is ____ the trees.

23 The cat is lying ____ the bench.

24 The pond is ____ the big tree.

25 The path goes ____ the grass.

26 The ducks are swimming ____ the pond.

27 The girl rides her bike ____ the park.

28 The path winds ____ the trees.

29 The tall reeds grow ____ the pond.

30 The dog has a collar ____ its neck.

Where Is Teddy?

Look at the picture. Where is Teddy? Fill in the blank.

31 Teddy is sitting ____ the box.



32 Teddy is sitting ____ the box lid.



33 Teddy is sitting ____ the box on legs.



34 Teddy is hiding ____ the box.



35 Teddy is sitting ____ the box, facing us.



36 Teddy is sitting right ____ the box.



37 Teddy is sitting ____ the two boxes.



38 A balloon carries Teddy up ____ the box.



39 The box is on a shelf. Teddy sits ____ it.



40 Teddy is walking all the way ____ the box.



41 Teddy is crawling ____ the box tunnel.



42 Teddy is hopping ____ the stream.



43 Teddy is climbing ____ the box.



Follow the Direction

Give the child a small toy and a box. Read each direction and have them act it out.

44 Put the toy in the box.



45 Put the toy on the box.



46 Put the toy under the box.



47 Put the toy behind the box.



48 Put the toy next to the box.



49 Put the toy in front of the box.



50 Hold the toy above the box.



51 Move the toy around the box.



Answer Key

Early Prepositions: In, On, Under, Out

1. on
2. in
3. on
4. in
5. out
6. in
7. under
8. out
9. under
10. on

Later Prepositions: Behind, In Front Of, Next To, Between

11. behind
12. in front of
13. between
14. next to
15. in front of
16. behind
17. next to
18. in front of
19. next to
20. next to

Advanced Prepositions: Above, Below, Through, Around, Across

21. above
22. above
23. below
24. below
25. across
26. across
27. through
28. through
29. around
30. around

Where Is Teddy?

31. in
32. on
33. under
34. behind
35. in front of
36. next to
37. between
38. above
39. below
40. around
41. through
42. across
43. out of

Follow the Direction

44. Toy inside the box
45. Toy on top of the box
46. Toy beneath the box
47. Toy in back of the box
48. Toy beside the box
49. Toy in front of the box
50. Toy held over the box
51. Toy circling the box