ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Prepositions

Difficulty level: Easy

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you say exactly where and when things happen, like the keys are under the table or lunch is before practice. A note that says meet me at the library is useless if it does not say where in the library, and a plan that says after lunch needs to say which lunch. Prepositions are the small words that pin down place and time, and getting them wrong sends someone to the wrong place or the wrong hour. They are small words, but they carry the details that make instructions work.

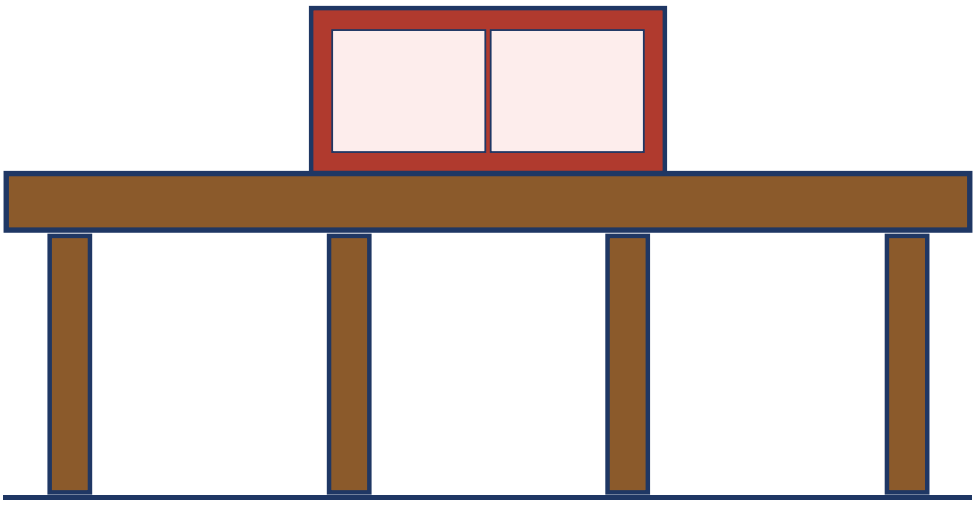


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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Find the preposition in: The book is on the table.



SOLUTION

Find the words that show place: the book is where? On the table.

'on' shows the relationship between the book and the table.

So the preposition is 'on'.

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EXAMPLE 2

Q Find the preposition in: We met before lunch.

SOLUTION

Find the words that show time: we met when? Before lunch.

'before' shows the relationship in time.

So the preposition is 'before'.

Practice questions

1 The cat hid under the bed. Which word is the preposition?

- A under
- B over
- C above
- D beside

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2 **Fill the gap with the word that shows where she went: She walked ___ school.**

A to

B from

C at

D in

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3 **In the sentence 'The bird flew over the house', which word is the preposition?**

A over

B under

C above

D across

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4 Find the preposition in: We stayed after class.

- A after
- B before
- C during
- D until

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5 Find the preposition in: The key is in the box.

- A in
- B on
- C at
- D under

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Find the preposition in: He sat beside me.

A beside

B behind

C between

D near

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The ball rolled down the hill. Name the preposition in the sentence.

A down

B up

C over

D along

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8 **Fill the gap with the word that joins her to her friend: She came ___ her friend.**

A with

B without

C by

D for

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9 **Which word shows where the picture is: The picture hangs above the desk.**

A above

B below

C under

D over

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Find the preposition in: We left during the storm.

A during

B before

C after

D until

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ANSWER KEY

1. under

2. to

3. over

4. after

5. in

6. beside

7. down

8. with

9. above

10. during

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