

Application and Reasoning

Step 6: Using Prepositions to Express Time, Place and Cause

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.7) [Using prepositions to express time and cause](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.7) [Express time, place and cause using prepositions \[for example, before, after, during, in, because of\]](#)

Terminology For Pupils:

- (3G1.7) [preposition](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Replace the preposition using prepositions of place and time in sentences of two clauses. Prepositions include of, to, for, because of, due to, in, on, by, at, from, before, yesterday, tomorrow, into, through, over, up.

Expected Replace the preposition in multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of place and cause. Prepositions include all Developing words, plus: between, after, since, around, without, among, against, including, following, across, behind, beyond, about, near, above, down, off, through, as a result of.

Greater Depth Replace the preposition in multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of place and cause. Prepositions include Developing and Expected words, plus: despite, except, plus, concerning, on account of, through, throughout, towards, upon.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Rewrite two-clause sentences using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Rewrite multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Rewrite multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 7.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain if different prepositions can be used in two-clause sentences, using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Explain if different prepositions can be used in multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Explain if different prepositions can be used in multi-clause sentences, using prepositions of time, place and cause. Differentiation the same as question 7.

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1a. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of place, to explain where the event took place.

It was time to go because of the assembly in the hall.



A

1b. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of time, to explain when the event took place.

The accident had happened over Tuesday during rush hour.



A

2a. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. We always bought our groceries by this particular farm shop.

B. He had always been too small to see from the fence until today.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. When the doorbell rang over 7am, I knew it was a surprise visitor.

B. There's a certain interest in one item of the attic.



A

3a. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

for

from

It was difficult to reach _____ the broken stepladder.



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3b. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

before

due to

We went to see our favourite film _____ the tickets sold out.



R

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4a. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of cause, to explain how the event took place.

The castle was closed before the refurbishment in the summer, so a lot of people missed the chance to visit.



A

4b. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of place, to explain where the event took place.

Many people have walked towards and crossed the bridge that was built over a hundred years ago, unaware of its history.



A

5a. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. The famous rock singer walked beyond the fans; chatting, taking selfies and signing programmes.

B. Whenever I see a feather float through me, it reminds me of my grandad, who loved to collect them.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. The strange little bird flew suddenly behind the open window and landed on my head.

B. You could see the stars slowly appearing in the clear night sky, if you looked up the rooftops.



A

6a. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

as a result of

including

The boat bobbed up and down on the water's edge, _____ the children paddling nearby when the sun was starting to set.



R

6b. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

including

against

In the audience tonight, there were many famous people, _____ the Oscar-winning actor George Rooney so I couldn't believe my luck!



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7a. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of cause, to explain how the event took place.

She could see the silvery eel shimmering between the long reeds and murky water as his scales reflected in the midday sun.



A

7b. Replace the underlined preposition with a preposition of time, to explain when the event took place.

Over time, he became someone people knew they could rely throughout, to be there for them in difficult times or to cheer them up in moments of sadness.



A

8a. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. He really believed he could fly towards knowing this really couldn't be possible as he was a human.

B. As time passed despite Christmas, people actually forgot about their summer holiday and dreamed of a winter getaway.



A

8b. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct preposition.

A. The busy market was open every day upon Christmas Day so it was very popular with tourists and locals.

B. In February, he had written to his landlord against the problems and he still hadn't replied.



A

9a. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

throughout

except

Brian answered all the questions _____ the final round, with interest, but cracked with the pressure at the last minute.



R

9b. True or false? Both of these prepositions fit in the sentence below. Explain your answer.

towards

despite

The local history group listened to the speaker talk about the building with special interest and asked questions, _____ the noisy traffic passing nearby.



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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: replacing 'because of' with 'into'.
2a. Various answers, for example: A. from; B. over
3a. True. Even though the prepositions are for time and cause, they both still work in the sentence.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: replacing 'before' to 'as a result of'.
5a. Various answers, for example: A. among; B. near
6a. False, 'including' does not make sense in this sentence.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: replacing 'between' with 'despite'.
8a. Various answers, for example: A. despite; B. towards
9a. True. Even though the prepositions are for time and cause, they both still work in the sentence.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: replacing 'over' with 'on'
2b. Various answers, for example: A. at; B. in
3b. False, 'due to' does not make sense in this sentence.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: replacing 'towards' with 'near'.
5b. Various answers, for example: A. through; B. between
6b. False, 'against' does not make sense in this sentence.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: replacing 'throughout' (time) with 'upon'
8b. Various answers, for example: A. except; B. concerning
9b. False, 'towards' does not make sense in this sentence.