

Year 3 – Spring Block 2 – Prepositions – Prepositional Phrases

About This Resource:

This PowerPoint has been designed to support your teaching of this small step. It includes a starter activity and an example of each question from the Varied Fluency and Application and Reasoning resources also provided in this pack. You can choose to work through all examples provided or a selection of them depending on the needs of your class.

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](#)

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Notes and Guidance:

- Once children are familiar with what a preposition is, they can begin writing prepositional phrases.
- In this step, children will begin to turn a simple preposition into a prepositional phrase.
- A prepositional phrase is a preposition followed by the object (noun, pronoun or noun phrase), for example: *They ran down the hill*, where 'down' is the preposition.
- Prepositional phrases can act as adjectives to describe a noun or pronoun or as adverbs to describe a verb, for example: Jack saw a monkey hiding *in a tree*.

Focused Questions

- Use the preposition 'in' to create a prepositional phrase.
- What does this prepositional phrase express about the noun in this sentence?
- Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence.

Step 2: Prepositional Phrases

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Circle the prepositions below.

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The sentence below uses a prepositional phrase.

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True

Varied Fluency 3

Underline the prepositional phrase in the sentence below.

**The baby bird hopped off the long
branch.**

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Varied Fluency 4

Complete the sentence using a prepositional phrase from the word bank.

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since my
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Application 1

Write a sentence using the prepositional phrase below.

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Various possible answers, for example:

The dog chased me around the garden.

Application 2

Choose a preposition below and use it to write a prepositional phrase in a sentence.

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Choose a preposition below and use it to write a prepositional phrase in a sentence.

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Various possible answers, for example: You cannot go on the trip without a packed lunch.

Reasoning 1

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Bella says,



We go to near the church my school.

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Explain your reasoning.

Bella is incorrect because she has put the preposition in front of the wrong object. The correct sentence is: We go to the church near my school.