Identifying and Using Prepositions in Sentences

Read the following poem about prepositions.

PREPOSITION

Linking like a hook
and eye,
IN and **OUT**
and **FOR** and **BY.**
Bird **in** nest,
and rose **on**
tree.
Gift **for** you
and
sit
by me.





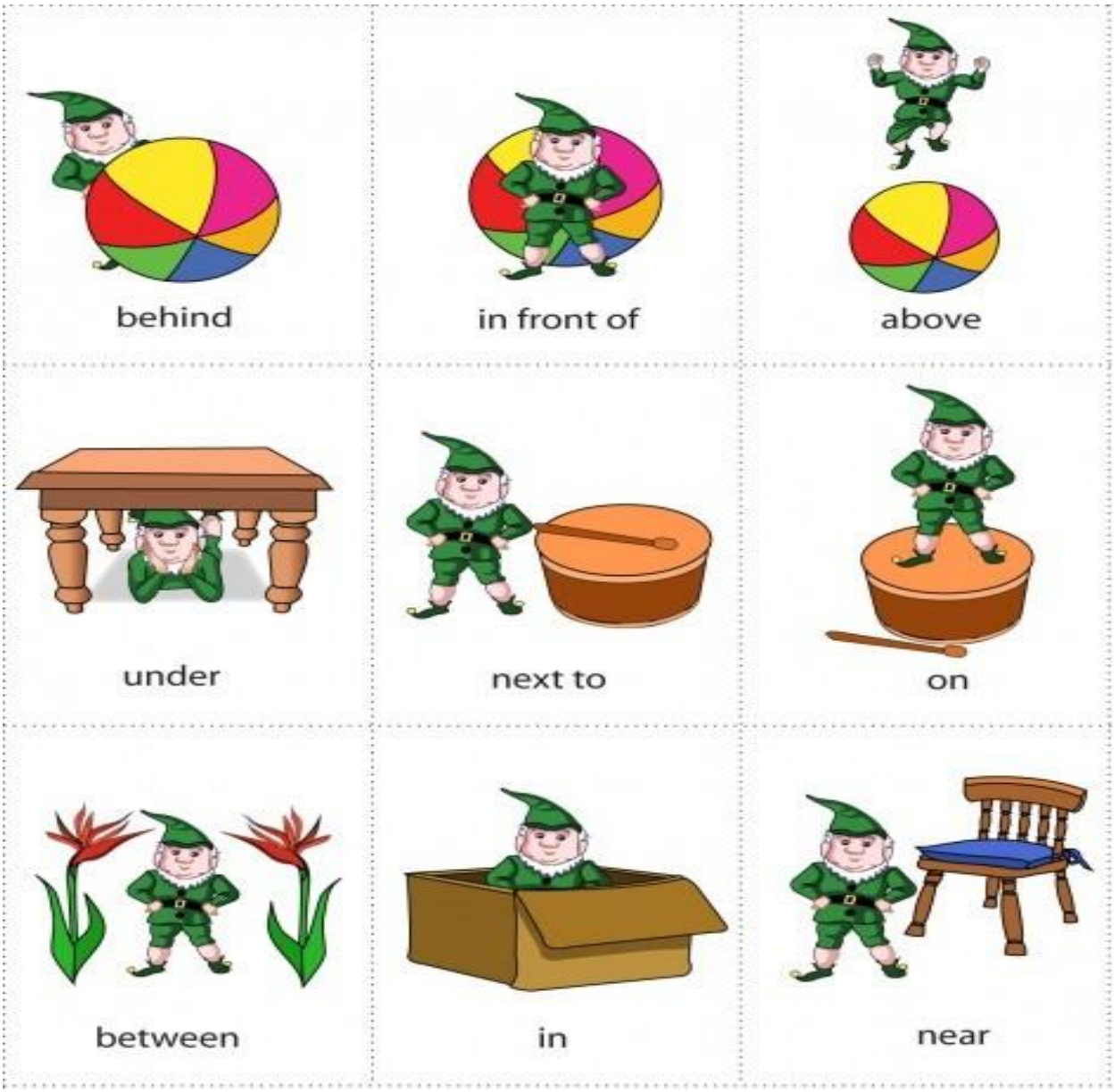






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Let us recap:

(i)A preposition shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words or phrases.

(ii) Examples of prepositions:

abroad	behind	from	through
about	below	in	till
above	beneath	into	to
across	beside	near	toward
after	between	of	under
against	beyond	off	until
along	by	on	up
among	down	opposite	upon
around	during	over	with
at	except	past	within
before	for	since	without

Let us remember how to use prepositions correctly:

1. among-something is shared among several persons.
   between-something is share between two persons.

2. beside –means 'at the side of'. The doctor stood beside the bed.
   Besides-means' in addition to'. Several girls were there besides Margaret.

3. from-one thing or person is different from another. Never say 'different to'.

4. in –shows position in one place. The king was in his holiday house.
   into-shows movement from one place to another. He fell from the tree into the river.

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Activity 1

Complete these sentences by using an appropriate preposition from the bank.

Prepositions Word Bank				
at	across	except	from	along
into	with	against	over	between

Example:

He vaulted nimbly _____ the bar to win the prize.

He vaulted nimbly over the bar to win the prize.

1. A stream of traffic stretched _____the road for two kilometres.
2. The chores were shared_____Mark and Annie.
3. The swimmer did a somersault dive from the high board_____the pool.
4. The principal was angry_____ the disobedient girls.
5. The last member of the relay team ran triumphantly _____the finish line.
6. All the boys _____Ryan arrived early for the field trip.
7. Alana waited_____her grandmother while the X-ray was done.
8. The workers protested _____the cut in wages.
9. The book is entirely different _____the last one I read.

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Activity 2

Complete the following phrases by selecting the appropriate prepositions from the bank.

Prepositions Word Bank			
to	with	around	from
by	of	into	on

For example:
Submit___
Submit to

1. Disagree _____
2. Shrink_____
3. Inspired_____
4. Guilty_____
5. Interfere_____
6. Comment_____
7. Plunged_____
8. Different_____
9. Rely _____
10. Opposite_____

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Activity 3

Correct the errors of preposition in the following sentences.

Example:

We waited _____ for Lexi to find her new glasses.

We waited for or Lexi to find her new glasses.

1. A medal hung on the neck of the nation's heroes.

   _____

2. Several students went into the big sailing ship during their vacation.

   _____

3. The duties were divided between the twelve prefects.

   _____

4. Mother Hubbard found nothing on the cupboard.

   _____

5. The sailor climbed with the rope like a monkey.

   _____

6. The spectators were angry at the referee's decision.

   _____

7. There were boxes between boxes, each smaller than the other.

   _____

8. Clive corresponds to several friends abroad.

   _____

9. Father is suffering with high blood pressure.

   _____

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Activity 4

Complete the following passage by selecting the appropriate prepositions from the bank.

Prepositions Word Bank			
to	with	in	except
until	of	on	for

My First Pet



Yesterday, Ryan went _____the pet store with his dad to buy a fish. He looked _____ a goldfish. They walked around the store_____ they found the fish tanks. All the gold fish were orange, _____ for one. It was orange and silver. Ryan watched it _____the fish tank. It was a fast swimmer. When Ryan put his hand _____the glass of the fish tank, the gold fish swam faster than any other goldfish in the tank. Ryan liked it. The store clerk took it out _____the tank. Ryan paid for the fish _____his own money and bought it home. He named his first pet, Thunder.

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Activity 1: Answer Key

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3. The swimmer did a somersault dive from the high board into the pool.
4. The principal was angry at the disobedient girls.
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Activity 2: Answer Key

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2. Shrink from
3. Inspired by
4. Guilty of
5. Interfere with
6. Comment on
7. Plunged into
8. Different from
9. Rely on
10. Opposite of

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Activity 3: Answer Key 

1.A medal hung on the neck of the nation's heroes.	A medal hung around the neck of the nation's heroes.
2 Several students went into the big sailing ship during their stay.	Several students went on the big sailing ship during their stay.
3.The duties were divided between the twelve prefects.	The duties were divided among the twelve prefects.
4. Mother Hubbard found nothing on the cupboard.	Mother Hubbard found nothing in the cupboard.
5. The sailor climbed with the rope like a monkey.	The sailor climbed up the rope like a monkey.
6. The spectators were angry at the referee's decision.	The spectators were angry with the referee's decision.
7. There were boxes between boxes, each smaller than the other.	There were boxes among boxes, each smaller than the other.
8. Clive corresponds to several friends abroad.	Clive corresponds with several friends abroad.
9.Father is suffering with high blood pressure.	Father is suffering from high blood pressure.

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