

Building With Prepositional Phrases

Grades 4 - 8



Purpose of this activity:

To help students with dyslexia identify and understand the function of prepositional phrases within sentences. Students engaging in this interactive activity will learn to recognize prepositional phrases and how these phrases provide additional details about where, when, or how something happens.

What you'll need:

A few pieces of paper, a pencil for each student, and the "Building with Prepositional Phrases" phrase bank.

How to play:

1. Choose which player is going to go first. That player will write a short sentence about the topic they choose.
2. The second player will choose a prepositional phrase from the bank and add it to the sentence. The phrase you choose needs to make sense. It needs to fit into the sentence and add interest.
3. The paper is given back to the first player and another prepositional phrase needs to be added. Make sure you choose another phrase that fits into the sentence and adds interest.
4. Continue passing the paper back and forth as many times as you are able, adding phrases until it is impossible to add any more. You might only get two or three phrases, but give it your best effort.
5. Once you have completed the sentence with as many phrases as you can, move on to a new sentence. The second player will write the new sentence and the first player will add the prepositional phrase.

* Remember, a prepositional phrase gives information about where, when, or how something happens. Make sure that the phrases you choose meet that need for something in your sentence. Choose where you are going to put the phrase in the sentence. It will not always be at the end of the sentence.

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Phrase Bank

before the party
without her friend
under the table
against the wall
among the flowers
below their feet
by her side
near his apartment
outside of the city
under the porch
out of the cooler
across the lake
since they moved
atop the fence
above the building
in a bus
next to the theater
across the pond
into the pool
on vacation
from the store
beside the desk
in the refrigerator
in the bowl
in the bus
on the dance floor
in the pantry
away from his chair

after the show
out of the box
over his head
across the field
behind the store
between the lines
toward the back
off the diving board
onto the plane
within the walls
through the door
along the way
around the room
before the dance
until the picnic
at the door
under the rock
through the tunnel
at night
until Tuesday
toward the food
under the seat
under the bridge
on the left side
before the game
against the fence
near the ball park
following the service

in the house
on the chair
around the corner
at the park
beside the bench
away from them
in the washer
along the path
after work
in the grass
on his shoulder
on the patio
from the start
beside the printer
within the rules
on the wall
below the plates
to the restaurant
during the day
like your mom
inside the car
from the school
over the wall
at the library
after dinner
toward the sun
amongst the people
over the rainbow