

Language Tips

Encourage your child to use accurate grammar and complete sentences throughout the day.



Look around and talk about where things are.

Definition:

Preposition - joins nouns, pronouns, and phrases with other words in a sentence and answers “where” questions (location, direction, space) or “when” questions (time).

Prepositional phrases always begin with a preposition and end with a noun or pronoun.

Examples:

Prepositions that answer

- **where**: in/out, up/down, over/under, on/off, inside/outside, below/above, behind, beside, between, next to, close to, far from, ahead of, aside from

- **when**: during, past, until, at, for, since, throughout, before, after, prior to, till, mid, while

Prepositional phrases that answer

- **where**: next to the ____, under the ____, between the ____, above the ____, behind the ____, in the ____, on the ____, inside the ____

- **when**: before the ____, during ____, after ____, throughout the ____, until next ____, prior to the ____, since last ____, near ____

Any word that can complete the following sentence is a preposition (think cartoon):

The squirrel ran ____ the tree.