

# Varied Fluency

## Step 5: Consolidating Prepositions

### 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:

**Developing** Questions to consolidate recognising and using the most frequently used prepositions of time, place and cause in simple sentences (of, to, for, because of, due to, in, on, by, at, from, before, yesterday, tomorrow, into, through, over, up).

**Expected** Questions to consolidate recognising and using prepositions of time, place and cause in sentences (all developing words, plus: including, about, through, as a result of, between, after, since, following, beyond, around, among, against, across, behind, near, above, down, off).

**Greater Depth** Questions to consolidate recognising and using prepositions of time, place and cause in multi-clause sentences (developing and expected words, plus: despite, except, plus, concerning, on account of, through, throughout, towards, upon).

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1a. Which of the sentences below doesn't use a preposition about position?

- A. A fierce dragon was spotted near the castle.
- B. Gaynor visited her grandson before going away for the week.
- C. Zoe climbed over the wall to collect the ball.



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1b. Which of the sentences below does use a preposition about direction?

- A. Joey's dad gave him a lift yesterday.
- B. Trish walked through a tunnel to get home.
- C. Zayn woke up early this morning to catch the bus.



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2a. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about time.

Charlie's brother bit his finger on the chair.



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2b. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about position.

The treasure was buried somewhere in the forest.



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3a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about position.

Jack decided to jog home from work.



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3b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about time.

Marty decided that he should eat before going out to play.



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4a. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

Teagan cried \_\_\_\_\_ when she found out she wasn't allowed to go to the party.

tomorrow

yesterday

by



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4b. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

Dylan jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the tree trunk to escape his friends.

down

among

over



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5a. Which of the sentences below doesn't use a preposition about position?

- A. Below the surface of the water, a dark and mysterious creature slowly approached the castle.
- B. Drifting into an even deeper slumber, the giant laid motionless on his bed.
- C. Lee quickly realised that he was not alone after he reached the abandoned mansion.



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5b. Which of the sentences below does use a preposition about direction?

- A. Grabbing the hammer that was left on the shelf, Umar decided that now was time to get to work.
- B. Lindsay always checks her e-mails before picking up a new task at work.
- C. Walking towards the office, Claire realised that she had forgotten her purse.



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6a. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about time.

A black car rushed past me between 7pm and 7:10pm.



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6b. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about position.

Quickly but quietly, the mouse scurried away above the cabinet.



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7a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about position.

After a horrendous day at work, Brody decided to walk around the park to relax himself.



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7b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about time.

Since starting his football lessons, Mikey's agility has improved dramatically.



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8a. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

Slamming the door \_\_\_\_\_ him, Terry screamed and shouted as he stomped downstairs.

beyond

before

behind



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8b. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

Overwhelmed with joy, Daisy hurtled \_\_\_\_\_ her friend in order to congratulate her with a hug.

without

below

towards



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9a. Which of the sentences below doesn't use a preposition about position?

- A. Deep within the dungeon, the brave warrior desperately continued his search as darkness approached.
- B. Without any regard for her own safety, the fire fighter ran towards the flames of the burning building
- C. After the shadowy figure emerged, Juliet ran as fast as she could and didn't stop until she reached home.



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9b. Which of the sentences below does use a preposition about direction?

- A. The thunderous roar of the sky panicked the forest, which was still only seconds before.
- B. Despite knowing better, Han's curiosity got the better of him as he continued towards the basement...
- C. Throughout the day, Marty never gave up, despite the gruelling pain and humiliation that he suffered.



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10a. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about time.

Decades have passed since the end of the Second World War.



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10b. True or false? The sentence below contains a preposition about position.

Despite his lack of knowledge, Robert continued to argue with the teacher.



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11a. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about direction.

On account of his foolish decision, all of his friends had to suffer the same fate as he did and were marched into their cells.



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11b. Circle the preposition in the sentence below that adds information about the time.

Using the rusty key that he had carefully slipped into his pocket, Fredrick patiently waited for the guards to disappear before attempting to unlock the door.



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12a. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

Snatching the rations \_\_\_\_\_ her rival, Felicity devoured every last crumb before Dee even had a second to react.

after

upon

from



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12b. Which preposition would complete the sentence below?

As a result of the dramatic shift in weather, residents were advised to remain inside whilst the storm passed \_\_\_\_\_ the city.

towards

through

upon



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**Developing**

- 1a. **B**
- 2a. **False, it contains a preposition about position.**
- 3a. **from**
- 4a. **yesterday**

**Expected**

- 5a. **C**
- 6a. **true; between**
- 7a. **around**
- 8a. **behind**

**Greater Depth**

- 9a. **C**
- 10a. **true; since**
- 11a. **into**
- 12a. **from**

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**Developing**

- 1b. **B**
- 2b. **true; in**
- 3b. **before**
- 4b. **over**

**Expected**

- 5b. **C**
- 6b. **true; above**
- 7b. **since**
- 8b. **towards**

**Greater Depth**

- 9b. **B**
- 10b. **False, it contains a preposition about cause.**
- 11b. **before**
- 12b. **through**