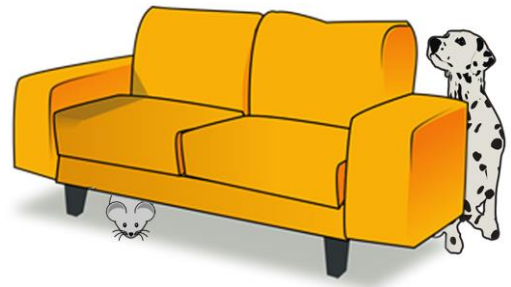


Pick a preposition

A preposition usually comes before a noun or a pronoun. It helps to tell us the position of one thing in relation to another in the sentence.

For example:

- *The Iron Man stood **at** the top of the cliff.*
- *The wind sang **through** his iron fingers.*



above	below	across	after	at	before	behind	of
by	down	for	from	inside	in	near	since
through	to	under	up	with	within	about	underneath
during	except	off	like	onto	out of	past	beneath
until	upon	without	around	into	along	on	on top of
owing to	outside	towards	beside	between	over	among	since
in front of	against	instead of					

Using a suitable preposition from the word bank above, fill in the missing words in the sentences below:

1. Jeff ran the stairs.
2. my house there is a street lamp.
3. He dropped the apple core the top of the bin.
4. The little girl fell the bushes.
5. The turtle swam the fishes.
6. The lorry went the puddle.
7. Don't leave me here alone; please wait me.
8. You must clean your teeth you go to sleep.
9. The dog brushed its paw me.
10. The cat slept my bed.

Write your own

Write five sentences of your own using different prepositions from the list:

above	below	across	after	at	before	behind	of
by	down	for	from	inside	in	near	since
through	to	under	up	with	within	about	underneath
during	except	off	like	onto	out of	past	beneath
until	upon	without	around	into	along	on	on top of
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1.

2.

3.

4.

Challenge yourself!

Write a preposition poem trying to use as many of the prepositions as you can from the word bank above:

Example:

Above the Blue

Above the blue the sun shines
 brightly **in** the sky
 The haze **of** light **below**
 Sprinkles its glow **around** the Earth
 The birds fly **through** the white
 puffy clouds
 Whilst the trees **beneath** sway
 gently **in** the wind.



Pick a preposition – suggested answers

Discuss other possible options with the class.

1. Jeff ran **down** the stairs.
2. **Outside/in front of** my house there is a street lamp.
3. He dropped the apple core **on** the top of the bin **instead of** inside the bin.
4. The little girl fell **near** the bushes.
5. The turtle swam **among** the fishes.
6. The lorry went **through** the puddle.
7. Don't leave me here alone; please wait **for** me.
8. You must clean your teeth **before** you go to sleep.
9. The dog brushed its paw **against** me.
10. The cat slept **on top of** my bed.