

Prepositions Can Show Positions in Space

Name _____

A **preposition** connects a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence, showing the relationship between them. Prepositions usually answer the questions *where* or *when*, telling about a person or object's location in either time or space.

Each of the questions below contains at least one prepositional phrase that connects a noun or pronoun to its location in relation to another word in the sentence. Underline the prepositional phrase, then circle the preposition. The first one is done for you.

1. The page instructor balanced her body backwards **on** the instructor table.
2. We put her wet umbrella into the metal stand beside the front door.
3. The teacher wrote an assignment on the whiteboard.
4. Walking as quickly as he could, the old man stepped around the cracks in the sidewalk.
5. She was happy to sign her name near the top of the petition.
6. Our family has a vacation home along the Colorado River.
7. Jeremy forgot his backpack on the bus by the public library.
8. The girls organized their materials and starting building the project on the kitchen table.
9. Summer classes will be held inside the auditorium of the high school on Greenwood Avenue.
10. My uncle's boat started leaking, and it sank into the middle of the lake.
11. The sharpened pencils are located above the shelf with the lined paper.
12. The heavier materials sifted through the lighter ones and roiled on the bottom of the bucket.