



Answers

Year 3

Prepositions Worksheet 1

What is a preposition? A preposition is a word that tells us where or when something happens. Prepositions often come before a noun or pronoun, such as 'in the box' or 'before lunch'.

Below are the correct prepositions for each sentence, with a brief explanation of why each answer is correct.

1. The children built a sandcastle on the beach.
Why: 'On' shows the sandcastle's position resting on the surface of the beach.
2. Sam hid his shell under his towel.
Why: 'Under' shows the shell is positioned beneath the towel.
3. The waves crashed over the rocks.
Why: 'Over' shows the waves moving above and across the rocks.
4. The lighthouse stood between the two cliffs.
Why: 'Between' shows the lighthouse's position in the middle of two things.
5. A crab scuttled behind the big rock.
Why: 'Behind' shows the crab moved to the back of the rock.
6. The dog ran in front of the ice cream van.
Why: 'In front of' shows the dog's position at the front of the van.
7. Before lunch, we went for a swim.
Why: 'Before' shows that the swim happened earlier in time than lunch.
8. After the picnic, we packed away our things.
Why: 'After' shows that packing away happened later in time than the picnic.
9. We built the sandcastle during the afternoon.
Why: 'During' shows the time within which the sandcastle was built.
10. The café was near the pier.
Why: 'Near' shows the café's position close to the pier.



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11. Seagulls flew **above** the water.

Why: 'Above' shows the seagulls were higher up than the water.

12. Starfish rested **below** the surface of the rock pool.

Why: 'Below' shows the starfish's position lower than the surface.

13. Mum sat **beside** Dad on the striped towel.

Why: 'Beside' shows Mum's position next to Dad.

14. We walked **through** the tunnel to reach the cove.

Why: 'Through' shows movement from one side of the tunnel to the other.

15. The ball rolled **across** the sand.

Why: 'Across' shows the ball moving from one side of the sand to the other.

16. We walked **around** the harbour to see the boats.

Why: 'Around' shows movement in a circular path near the harbour.

17. Jamie jumped **into** the cold water.

Why: 'Into' shows movement from outside to inside the water.

18. The boat sailed **towards** the horizon.

Why: 'Towards' shows movement in the direction of the horizon.

19. We strolled **along** the promenade.

Why: 'Along' shows movement following the length of the promenade.

20. We paddled **in** the shallow water.

Why: 'In' shows the position of paddling inside the water.