

Application and Reasoning

Step 3: Using Prepositions to Express Time

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:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Complete a sentence using a time preposition. Includes the time prepositions: to, in, on, by, at, from, before, after (including yesterday and tomorrow).

Expected Complete a sentence using a time preposition. Includes the time prepositions from Developing and the prepositions: about, until, between, since, following and beyond.

Greater Depth Complete a sentence using a time preposition. Includes the time prepositions from Developing and Expected, plus the less commonly used: during, through, throughout and towards.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain if time prepositions have been placed correctly in a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Explain if time prepositions have been used correctly in a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Explain if time prepositions have been placed correctly in a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a different preposition will change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 1.

Expected Explain whether a different preposition will change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 4.

Greater Depth Explain whether a different preposition will change the meaning of a sentence. Differentiation the same as question 7.

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1a. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

at the weekend



A

1b. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

in summer



A

2a. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

The show from will run 6pm.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

2b. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

I should be in bed before 8pm.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

3a. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

The money had to be returned before Monday.

on

Explain your answer.



R

3b. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

We needed to arrive after lunchtime.

at

Explain your answer.



R

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4a. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

since this morning



A

4b. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

until Friday



A

5a. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

The party beyond continued the closing time of the village hall.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

5b. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

We couldn't wait any longer so we collected the puppy the day following.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

6a. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

I was allowed to eat a snack between breakfast and lunch.

after

Explain your answer.



R

6b. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

It was going to take us about an hour to get there.

beyond

Explain your answer.



R

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7a. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

throughout the summer months



A

7b. Write a sentence that includes the prepositional phrase used to express time below.

towards the end of September



A

8a. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

The children slept as dad through drove the night.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

8b. Underline the preposition used to express time in the sentence below.

They had met the war during when planes had bombed their houses.

Is it in the correct place? Explain why.



R

9a. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

Cheese will be served before the main meal.

following

Explain your answer.



R

9b. If the underlined preposition is changed for the one in the box, will the sentence still mean the same?

No one had seen the strange looking creature since Tuesday.

until

Explain your answer.



R

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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: I'm going to the cinema at the weekend.
- 2a. from – this should come before '6pm'
- 3a. No, as 'on' would give them longer to return the money.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: I haven't eaten since this morning.
- 5a. beyond – this should come after 'continued'
- 6a. No, as 'after' means the snack was eaten at a different time.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: I like to wear shorts and T-shirts throughout the summer months.
- 8a. through – this should come before 'the night'
- 9a. No, as 'following' means that the cheese will be served after the main meal.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: The weather is warmer in summer.
- 2b. before – this should come before '8pm'
- 3b. No, as 'at' means they have to arrive at that specific time.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: They were given until Friday to return the jewels.
- 5b. following – this should come before 'day'
- 6b. No, as 'beyond' means it will take more than an hour.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: Leaves begin to fall from the trees towards the end of September.
- 8b. during – this should come before 'the war'
- 9b. No, as 'until' means that Tuesday was the first time the strange looking creature had been seen.