



Prepositions

In Creative Writing



A Preposition is...

A word or phrase which describes the relationship between two or more things.

- They can specify a spatial relationship
 - Her bag was under the chair.
- A time relationship
 - They arrived on Sunday.
- A manner in which something is done
 - We went by train.

Task

Find a buddy.

Stand with your buddy in a space. You will need to be able to move around.

One of you needs to become “A” and the second, “B”.

As a word appears on the screen, A will perform the word in relation to B.



Under



Over



Beside



On



Between



Beyond



Before



In

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What do prepositions do?

- Allow the reader to 'navigate' your scene.
- Build connections between things in your scene.
- Develop a '3D' impression of your scene in their mind.

Layer Your Scene

Prepositions help you to layer your scene and 'zoom' in on it.

When you use this technique, think of yourself as a camera tech, moving in closer and closer to your selected object (the object should be important to the scene as a whole. Think: the dagger or poison vial in R and J).

The Task

1. Open your devices.
2. Create a new blog post. You can think of a title when you see our image today...
3. Shortly, you will see an image appear on the screen. Without speaking to anyone, you will need to describe the scene that is on the screen. Look to use the 'layering' technique.

The rule: Each sentence must begin with a preposition.

Time: 15 mins

