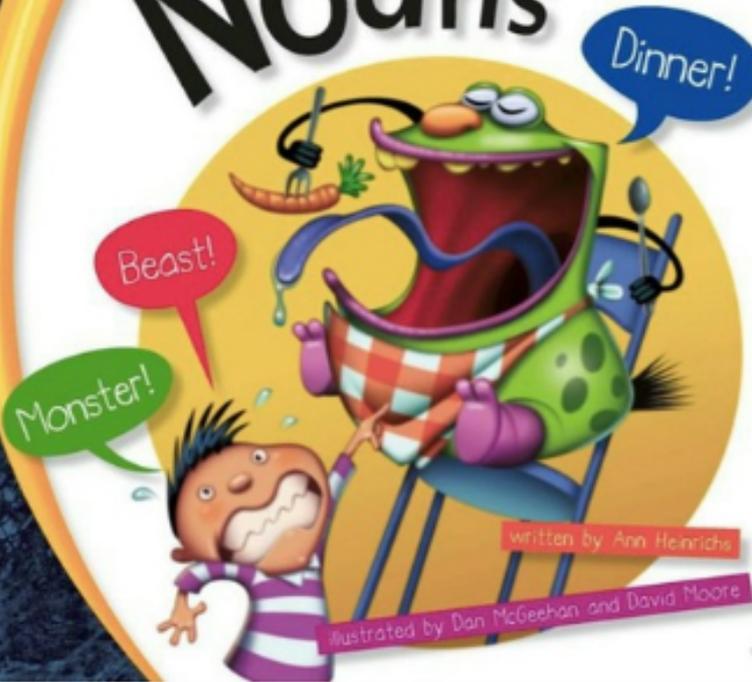
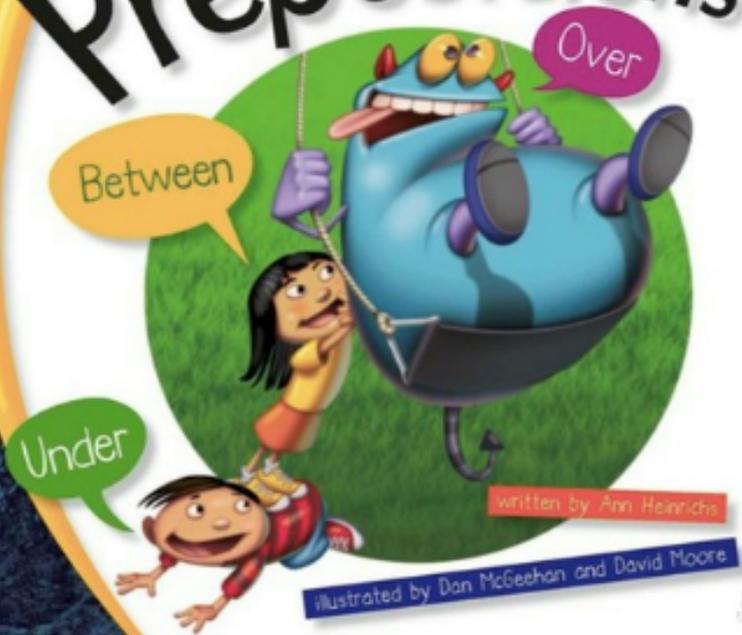


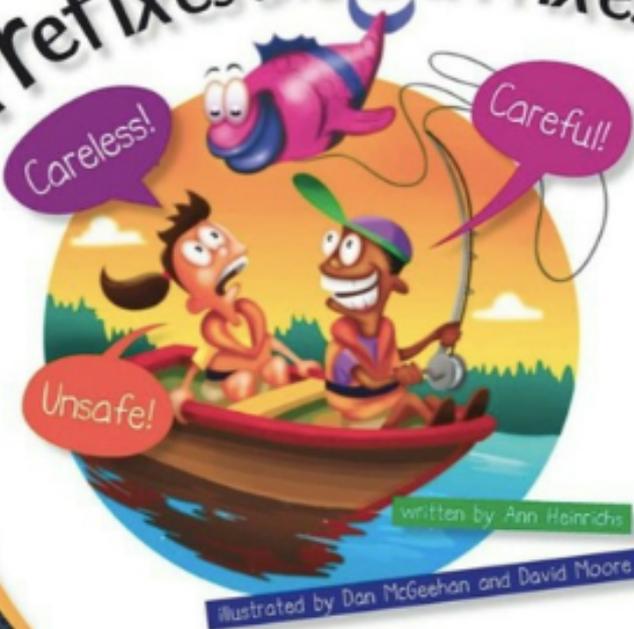
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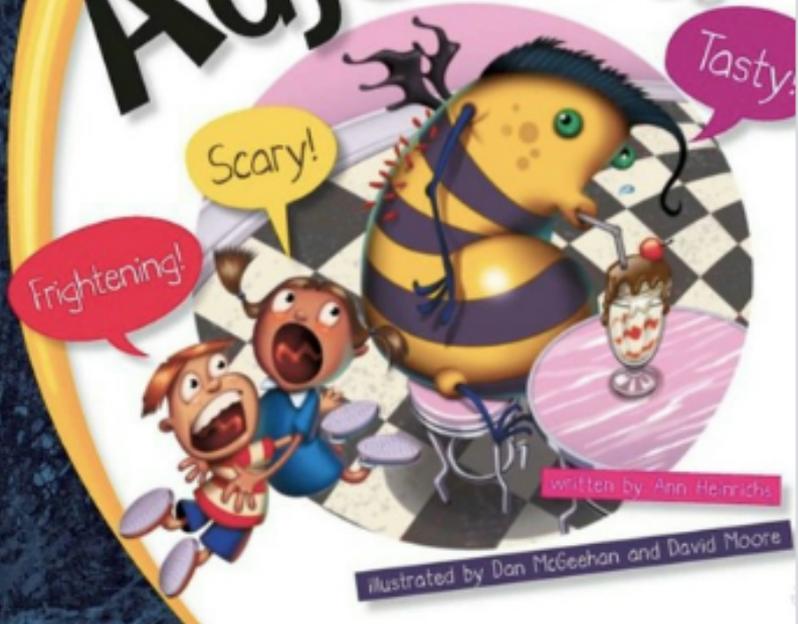
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What Is a Preposition?

In the morning, Skipper runs **between** the rows **of** apple trees **along** the edge **of** the park.

All the red words in this sentence are **prepositions**. They **connect** words with one another. Many prepositions are short words—**in**, **on**, **of**, **at**, and **by**. Others are much longer, such as **between**, **outside**, **underneath**, and **throughout**.



What would you do without prepositions? You'd have trouble saying anything at all! Prepositions can point out a time.

on Tuesday

in July

at noon

by three o'clock

around midnight

between classes



Prepositions can point out a place.

on the chair

in school

at the library

by the benches

around the corner

between your eyes



Or, they can help describe something.

the monster **with** the blue nose

books **for** class

a longhorn steer **from** Texas



It Never Stands Alone

Put the hamster's cage **behind** the *couch*.

This story was written **about** *me*.

This trophy belongs **to** *her*.

I've been confused **until** *now*.

A preposition never stands alone. It is always followed by the word or words it is linking to the rest of the sentence. This word or **phrase** is called the **object**. The orange words above are prepositions. The italic words are objects.

The object answers a question: Whom? Where? When?

Put the cage **behind** *where*?

Behind the couch.



At the Beginning

A preposition and its object can also go at the beginning of a sentence. When this phrase comes first, a **comma** (,) usually follows it.

In the shadows, a yellow bird appeared.

Across the marsh, we heard the sounds of croaking frogs.

At sunset, the guards lowered the flag.



One Will Do

The monster likes fish **for** breakfast and **for** lunch.

Some flowers grow **in** spring, **in** summer, and **in** fall.

Sometimes you don't have to repeat the preposition.
These sentences work better if you remove the
extra prepositions.

The monster likes fish **for** breakfast and lunch.

Some flowers grow **in** spring, summer, and fall.



Sometimes people use two prepositions in a row when one will do just fine.

The pie fell **off** ~~of~~ the windowsill.

The critter stayed **inside** ~~of~~ its cave.



According to Me

He was **out of** control.

I'll have peas **instead of** broccoli.

According to Bill, the party's over.

Sometimes several words act together as a preposition. In this case, you need all the words. Other examples are **in addition to**, **in regard to**, **on account of**, **in spite of**.



Lots of Prepositions!

A frog sits **on** a log **in** the reeds
near the edge **of** the pond.

Sometimes it takes a lot of prepositions to say what you mean! The sentence above tells exactly where that frog is. How many prepositions can you use in a sentence?

I'm sitting **on** the
mat **with** the fish
in the dish.





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