

# Varied Fluency

## Step 5: Expanding Sentences using Prepositions

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.7) [Express time, place and cause using prepositions \[for example, before, after, during, in, because of\]](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support expanding sentences using prepositions to express time, place and cause including any of the following words: *of, to, in, for, with, on, by, at, from, but, into, about, like, over, before, up, out, because of, due to.*

**Expected** Questions to support expanding sentences using prepositions to express time, place and cause including all the words above plus: *between, after, since, around, without, among, against, including, following, across, behind, beyond, about, near, above, down, off, through, as a result of*

**Greater Depth** Questions to support expanding sentences using prepositions to express time, place and cause including all the words above plus: *despite, throughout, towards, upon, except, plus, concerning, on account of.*

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1a. Circle the prepositions.

over

and

on



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1b. Circle the prepositions.

before

from

bright



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2a. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

a. Marvin's favourite hobby is swimming.

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b. Marvin's favourite hobby is swimming at the leisure centre.

☐

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2b. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

a. Ellen loves watching sports events, such as the World Cup.

☐

b. Ellen loves watching sports events, such as the World Cup, on TV.

☐

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3a. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

The train was late due to a fallen tree on the track.



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3b. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

Because of the hail storm, we can't go out of the house.



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4a. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative which could have the same meaning.

by

out

of

before



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4b. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative which could have the same meaning.

because of

about

due to

with



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5a. Circle the prepositions.

against

quietly

behind



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5b. Circle the prepositions.

lately

across

after



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6a. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

a. We sat quietly and watched the sun set beyond the mountains.

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b. We sat quietly and watched the sun set.

☐

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6b. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

Sally answered all her times table questions without stopping.

☐

Confidently, Sally answered all her times table questions.

☐

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7a. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

Without fear, the knight and his trusty horse rode through the woods.



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7b. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

Excitedly, we walked around the park so that we could play on the swings and slides.



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8a. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative which could have the same meaning.

since

including

as a result of

behind



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8b. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative which could have the same meaning.

among

near

through

between



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## Expanding Sentences using Prepositions

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9a. Circle the prepositions.

carefully

throughout

despite



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9b. Circle the prepositions.

concerning

towards

famously



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10a. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

a. We sat outside, despite the heat, to watch the sunset.

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b. We sat outside, ignoring the heat, watching the sunset.

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10b. Tick the sentence which does not have a preposition.

The rain meant the children returned earlier than planned.

☐

On account of the rain, the children returned earlier than planned.

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11a. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

Dinner at school was delayed, on account of the chef arriving late after his appointment.



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11b. Underline the preposition(s) in the sentence below.

We sailed towards the horizon, before the moon rose over the bay.



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12a. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative with the same meaning.

against

plus

towards

beyond



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12b. Draw a line to match the preposition to an alternative with the same meaning.

concerning

despite

except

about



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**Developing**

- 1a. over and on should be circled.
- 2a. a ticked.
- 3a. due to and on should be underlined.
- 4a. before

**Expected**

- 5a. against and behind should be circled.
- 6a. b ticked.
- 7a. Without and through should be underlined.
- 8a. as a result of

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- 9a. throughout and despite should be circled.
- 10a. b ticked.
- 11a. at, on account of and after should be underlined.
- 12a. towards

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**Developing**

- 1b. before and from should be circled.
- 2b. a ticked.
- 3b. Because of and out should be underlined.
- 4b. due to

**Expected**

- 5b. across and after should be circled.
- 6b. b ticked.
- 7b. around and on should be underlined.
- 8b. between

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- 9b. concerning and towards should be circled.
- 10b. a ticked.
- 11b. towards, before and over should be underlined.
- 12b. about