

# WHAT IS A PREPOSITION?

A Parts of Speech play

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**Setting:** The Marker Gym

**Characters:**

<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Noun</b>
<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Prep (Preposition)</b>	<b>Phrase</b>
<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Pronoun</b>	

**Narrator:** The box of Words was on a high shelf in the locker room of the Marker Gym. At the whistle blast, the Words jumped out of the box onto the floor and waited to practice drills.

**Word 1:** Okay, everyone. We're here today to practice our drills, so pay close attention!

**Word 2:** What do you want us to do first?

**Word 1:** Word 2, call these Words to step forward:

Pronoun "He", Noun "goat", and Phrase "the red barn."

**Narrator:** Suddenly, there was a frantic knocking at the gym door.

**Verb:** Hey, let us in! Don't forget you can't do the drills without us. We're the VERBS!

**Word 1:** Word 2, what are you waiting for? Open the door!

**Narrator:** The Verbs scramble across the floor and then, stand in a long line.

**Word 1:** YES, we need a Verb.

**Verb:** You can use my name. It's "bring."

**Word 1:** Okay. I'll say the names of the Pronoun, the Verb, and the Phrase to form a sentence.

"He brings the goat the red barn."

**Word 2:** Wait a minute! That doesn't sound right. Something is missing?

**Word 1:** Hmm... Something *is* missing! There needs to be word to connect the Phrase, "the red barn" to the other words in the sentence.

**Word 2:** Oh! Well, what's *that* kind of word called?

**Word 1:** That word is called a Preposition! You see, a Preposition is a word that connects a noun, pronoun or phrase to other words in a sentence.

**Word 2:** So, where are the Prepositions?

**Narrator:** In a shadowy corner, there crouched a huge crowd of Prepositions. One of them stepped forward and spoke.

**Prep:** (with attitude!) I hear you need a Preposition. *I'm a Preposition.* My name is "into." *I can connect* "the red barn" to the rest of the words in the sentence.

**Word 1:** Okay, let's see if it works. Each Word say your name loudly and clearly. Begin!

**Pronoun:** He  
**Verb :** brings  
**Noun:** the goat  
**Prep:** into  
**Phrase:** the red barn.

**Word 2:** All right! I think we got it! Say those words again!

**Pronoun:** He  
**Verb :** brings  
**Noun:** the goat  
**Prep:** into  
**Phrase:** the red barn.

**Word 2:** That was terrific! "He brings the goat into the red barn." It all works!

**Word 1:** All right! That was easy! Now let's try something different. Let's see who can make different sentences by *changing only the preposition.* Word 2, read the following examples.

**Word 2:** The purple bug is *on* the green hat.  
The purple bug is *under* the green hat.  
The purple bug is *beside* the green hat.  
The purple bug is *against* the green hat.

**Narrator:** The Words worked all day making different sentences with Nouns, Verbs, Prepositions and Phrases. When the whistle blasted, the Words quickly jumped up into the black box. It was time to rest because tomorrow all the Words knew they would be drilling again.

**A suggestion:**

**Below is a list of the common prepositions. Have fun trying to use *as many as possible* in one sentence!**

**about, above, across, after, against, along, among, around, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, but, by, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, inside, into, like, near, of, off, on, onto, out, outside, over, past, since, through, throughout, till, to, toward, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without**