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Preposition Island is aimed at students who have reached level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference. The teacher can adapt the game to the linguistic level of the class/group by playing different variations of the game; using only the prepositions included, introducing other prepositions or by combining various alternative game ideas provided in this guide.

LANGUAGE AIMS

- Widen the students' vocabulary via the presentation of characters and objects in the stimulating and fun illustration of *Preposition Island*.
- Understand and use sentences with prepositions of place.

MATERIALS

The game Preposition Island consists of:

- A fold-out poster with a fun and detailed illustration. The pirates' galleon is anchored off *Preposition Island* and by looking at the various characters it is possible to form sentences which require a specific preposition of place.
- A pack of 66 cards, 58 containing illustrations and sentences, and 8 containing prepositions.
- 60 doubloons (gold coins), which represent the treasure.

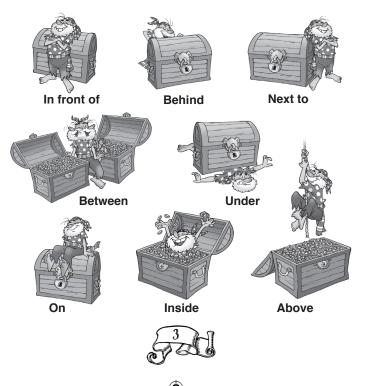


RULES OF THE GAME

The game can be played individually or in teams. Players sit around the playing board and observe the picture. They take turns to pick a card from the deck of illustration cards. The illustrated cards present each character from the playing board together with the sentence which describes the character's position. This sentence needs to be completed with the correct preposition. The players need to locate the character on the poster and say out loud the sentence using the correct preposition. For each correct sentence the player wins a gold coin. The player or team with the most gold coins is the winner.

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The prepositions to use are:



GAMES AND DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES

Here are some more ideas for games and activities that the teacher can adapt according to the language level of the group/class.

EIGHT BY EIGHT

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Divide the class into eight groups or get the students to take turns playing the game with eight students. Ask them to sit in a circle. Hand out a preposition card to each group or student. The card needs to remain covered. When the game starts, the players look at the card, read the preposition - without saying it out loud - and then turn it over once again. They then need to write on a piece of paper as many sentences as possible, using that preposition. They have one minute to do so. Each player then passes his/her card to the next player and receives in turn a card from the player beside him/her. Players have one minute to read the new preposition and write other sentences. The game continues by giving one minute for each of the eight prepositions. The sentences are then read out loud and a gold coin is awarded to each player/team for each correct sentence. The time limit can be increased, according to the amount of time available. The teacher can use the photocopiable banknotes included in this guide, together with the gold coins as points for each correct sentence.

TREASURE HUNT

Put the gold coins in a jewellery box (or a small cardboard box) which will act as the hidden treasure to find. Scatter around the class small cards with clues and give the players ideas to help them find the first one, which will then lead to the second, and finally to the hidden treasure. For example:

To find the first clue you need to look **in front of** the blackboard. The clue in front of the blackboard (it can be placed on the floor) says: Look for the second clue **behind** the door... Look for the third clue **on** Tim's desk... Look for the fourth clue **under** the teacher's desk... Look for the fifth clue **between** Paul and Amanda's chairs... Look for the sixth clue **above** the window (it can be stuck to the wall with sellotape)... Look for the seventh clue **next to** the cupboard... The treasure is **inside** the paper bin!



SOLUTIONS





BONNY is inside the ship.



HENRY is inside the rucksack.



FLIN is next to the cannon.



TOM is next to the helm.



SKULLY is between the sacks.



RON is inside the chest.



FELIX is between the sharks.



VELMA is under the umbrella.





PEARL is **next to** the well.



BABY is inside the barrel.



CALICO is **behind** the boat.



LUCY is between the bushes.



PABLO is between the rocks.



the well.



ROGER is above the shark.



GIN is above the helm.



IVAN is in front of the fence



BUCK is on the rock.



ANITA is on the tower.



BELLA is next to Garcia.



ELOY is inside the cave.



ROSA is on the balcony.



GARCIA is next to Bella.



BART is under the flag.



TOCK the balcony.



BUL is behind the lantern.



FRANCO is under the ladder.





LEON is in front of



TOBY is under the lantern.



BERTO is in front of the sign.



JIM is in front of the door.



POLLY

is above

PECO is under the boat.



BILL is under the cliff.



is behind the door.



TED is on the plank.



is behind



the cannon.







the palm tree.







FLICK is **under** the slide.



BULL is **under** the sail.



TICO[®] is **on** the cages.



BENITO is **on** the slide.



MATT is **between** the turtles.



BLOB is **between** the clogs.



GERONIMO is **behind** the wall.



CISCO is **inside** the cages.



SILVER is **behind** the cannon.



JACK is **above** the umbrella.





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is **behind** the pot.



JEFF is **in front of** the donkey.



LUIS is **between** the palm trees.



MAX is **behind** the flag.



BIG is **between** the columns.





OLIVEK is **inside** the inn.

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