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LEVEL

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

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- 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.

The prepositions to use are:



In front of



Behind



Next to



Between



Under



On



Inside



Above



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

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 photocopyable 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.



SKULLY
is **between**
the sacks.



PEARL
is **next to**
the well.



TINA
is **on**
the stairs.



BABY
is **inside**
the barrel.



JOE
is **inside**
the well.



HENRY
is **inside**
the rucksack.



RON
is **inside**
the chest.



CALICO
is **behind**
the boat.



ROGER
is **above**
the shark.



FLIN
is **next to**
the cannon.



FELIX
is **between**
the sharks.



LUCY
is **between**
the bushes.



GIN
is **above**
the helm.



TOM
is **next to**
the helm.



VELMA
is **under**
the umbrella.



PABLO
is **between**
the rocks.



IVAN
is **in front of**
the fence.



BUCK
is **on**
the rock.



ELOY
is **inside**
the cave.



BART
is **under**
the flag.



GEMMA
is **behind**
the door.



ANITA
is **on**
the tower.



ROSA
is **on**
the balcony.



TOCK
is **under**
the balcony.



TED
is **on**
the plank.



BELLA
is **next to**
Garcia.



GARCIA
is **next to**
Bella.



BUD
is **behind**
the lantern.



DAN
is **behind**
the fence.



BERTO
is **in front of**
the sign.



POLLY
is **above**
the palm tree.



FRANCO
is **under**
the ladder.



LEON
is **in front of**
the cannon.



JIM
is **in front of**
the door.



PECO
is **under**
the boat.



BILL
is **under**
the cliff.



TOBY
is **under**
the lantern.



FLICK
is **under**
the slide.



BLOB
is **between**
the clogs.



BEN
is **behind**
the pot.



FIDEL
is **in front of**
the pot.



BULL
is **under**
the sail.



GERONIMO
is **behind**
the wall.



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



WILL
is **inside**
the prison.



TICO
is **on**
the cages.



CISCO
is **inside**
the cages.



LUIS
is **between**
the palm trees.



HOOK
is **inside**
the tower.



BENITO
is **on**
the slide.



SILVER
is **behind**
the cannon.



MAX
is **behind**
the flag.



ANIBAL
is **on**
the ladder.



MATT
is **between**
the turtles.



JACK
is **above**
the umbrella.



BIG
is **between**
the columns.



OLIVER
is **inside**
the inn.



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