

Activity Type

Grammar and Vocabulary Exercises: matching, gap-fill, changing word forms, writing sentences from prompts

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts (pair work)

Focus

Adverbs of place

Aim

To practice adverbs of place, in contrast with related prepositions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

This place adverbs worksheet helps students practice adverbs of place, in contrast with related prepositions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by matching situations with expressions containing adverbs of place.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. e | 3. m | 5. k | 7. b | 9. i | 11. l | 13. f |
| 2. g | 4. c | 6. j | 8. a | 10. n | 12. h | 14. d |

Next, students complete sentences containing adverbs of place with appropriate prepositional phrases.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. to the restroom | 5. to the kitchen |
| 2. on top of your head | 6. in the distance |
| 3. to me | 7. in the city |
| 4. onto his shoulders | 8. over the ocean |

Students then read sentences and cross out the object of one preposition in each sentence to change it into an adverb.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. below him | 4. on the jar | 7. above it |
| 2. up the motorway | 5. in the car | 8. down the ladder |
| 3. outside their house | 6. inside her office | |

After that, students answer questions with their own ideas.

When the students have finished, have them ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Finally, students give feedback to the class on some of their answers.

A. Match the situations with expressions containing adverbs of place.

What would you say if...

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| 1. someone knocks on your door? | a. It's right there , next to the sofa. |
| 2. someone stole your bag? | b. Sure. Let me put my cup down . |
| 3. it was getting too cold to stay out . | c. Why don't we eat outside today? |
| 4. it was a lovely, warm evening? | d. The river is a long way below . |
| 5. you saw a great outfit in a shop? | e. Come in . It's unlocked. |
| 6. your dog was missing? | f. Sorry, I'm leaving here today. |
| 7. someone asked you to give them a hand? | g. Stop him! He ran off with my bag. |
| 8. someone asked you where the remote was? | h. I'm over here ! |
| 9. your carry-on bag didn't fit under an airplane seat? | i. I'll put it up above . |
| 10. your friend was playing a video game? | j. We have to go out and look for her! |
| 11. your school was a 30 minute walk away? | k. I want to try that on . |
| 12. someone was looking for you in a crowd? | l. It's too far to walk. I'll ride my bike. |
| 13. someone you met on holiday asks you to dinner? | m. Let's go inside . |
| 14. you were looking down from a high bridge? | n. Jump up on that box to get the loot. |

B. Adverbs of place are commonly used with prepositional phrases. Complete the sentences with the prepositional phrases below.

in the distance	to the restroom	in the city	on top of your head
to the kitchen	over the ocean	onto his shoulders	to me

- Pardon me while I run off
- Your glasses are right there
- When I waved at the cute boy, he smiled and came over
- He lifted his daughter up so she could see the parade.
- Anna wanted a cup of tea, so Jan went down to put the kettle on.
- From my house, you can see the tall buildings downtown, far
- My family has lived here my whole life, so I've never been to a farm.
- The storm was still a long way out, but it would reach land during the night.

C. Many adverbs of place can also be used as prepositions. Cross out the object of one preposition in each sentence to change it into an adverb.

Example: It was sunny, so he had a hat on his ~~head~~.

1. He looked down from the tower to the people far below him.
2. We're driving up the motorway to visit our family in the North.
3. My neighbour's dog is always barking outside their house at night.
4. When you put the peanut butter jar back, make sure the lid is on the jar.
5. The car door locked automatically, so his keys were locked in the car.
6. When I got to her office, the principal was waiting inside her office.
7. I put one picture of my son on my desk and another on the wall above it.
8. When he finished his work at the top of the ladder, he climbed down the ladder.



D. Answer the questions with your own ideas.

Example: Think about your classroom. What's above? What's below?

..... *The computer lab is below my classroom, and the sky is above.*

1. Look outside from the nearest window. What can you see?
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2. When did you last eat out at a restaurant? Where did you go?
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3. Open your bag and look in. What's inside?
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4. Where are you off to after this lesson?
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5. When did you last go over to a friend's house? What did you do?
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6. Where is your favourite place? What do you do there?
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7. What do you have on right now? A T-shirt? A uniform?
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8. Where were you born? How far is your birthplace from here?
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