

## Prepositions: Basic Rules and Use

### Reading and Listening: Moving to a New House

⊕ Maria and her brother Tony have just moved into a new house. Read and listen to their conversation as Tony and Maria unpack.

- Tony: Where do these books go?  
 Maria: The dictionaries go **on** the bottom shelf, **beside** the encyclopedia.  
 Tony: Okay. Hey, what's **in** that box?  
 Maria: Which one? The one **under** the chair?  
 Tony: No, the one **on** the bed. What's **inside** it?  
 Maria: Oh, that one has drawings I made **during** art class. There are also some pictures I took **of** the old house **before** we left.  
 Tony: I miss our old house already. When I think **about** my old friends, I already miss them.  
 Maria: I do, too. But this house is cool. It's bigger and more modern. And there's a new fence **around** the yard. Bozo won't be able to dig **under** the fence any more! It's a great yard for soccer practice, too.  
 Tony: Hey, maybe we can practice **with** Laurie.  
 Maria: Who's Laurie?  
 Tony: I told you **about** her. She lives **across** the street. I met her this morning. She's very nice. She goes **to** our new school.  
 Maria: Well, let's see if she can play soccer!  
 Tony: Okay. Um... do you know which box has the soccer ball?

#### A. Comprehension Check

Read the following sentences. Circle **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.

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| 1. Maria and Tony are unpacking books.                    | T | F |
| 2. Tony wants to know what is in the box.                 | T | F |
| 3. The box is behind the encyclopedia.                    | T | F |
| 4. Tony made the drawings that are in the box.            | T | F |
| 5. Maria took some pictures after she left her old house. | T | F |
| 6. Maria and Tony miss their old house.                   | T | F |
| 7. Tony's new friend lives across from the school.        | T | F |

#### B. Think About Grammar

Read the questions about Maria and Tony's conversation. Write the letter of the correct prepositional phrase that answers each question.

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| ___ 1. Where do the dictionaries go?                        | a. around the yard         |
| ___ 2. When did Maria make her drawings?                    | b. beside the encyclopedia |
| ___ 3. When did Maria take the pictures of their old house? | c. across the street       |
| ___ 4. Where is the fence?                                  | d. during art class        |
| ___ 5. Where does Laurie live?                              | e. before they left        |

C. Look at the questions in exercise B again. Which questions can prepositional phrases answer? Circle them below.

**How?**            **Why?**            **Where?**            **When?**