

Preposition Frenzy

Objective

To memorize and use prepositions

Players

2–6 plus a timekeeper

You will need

60 index cards, marker, lined paper for each player, 1 regular and 1 colored pencil for each player

Before you play

- Write a different preposition on each index card, using large, clear letters. Refer to the list on page 326 of your English book.

How to play

1. Choose one player to be the timekeeper.
2. The timekeeper shuffles the cards and lays ten of them faceup.
3. Players have thirty seconds to try to memorize the prepositions.
4. When thirty seconds are up, the timekeeper gathers up the cards and sets them aside. He or she then says, “Pick up your pencils. Go!” Players have two minutes to write sentences containing the ten prepositions. (A sentence may contain one or more of the prepositions.) Each preposition must be in a prepositional phrase, and the player must underline the whole phrase. **Example:** *The letter on the desk was from my sister.* When two minutes are up, the timekeeper says “Stop!”
5. Players exchange papers. The timekeeper takes the ten cards and calls out each preposition, giving the players time to look for it in their opponents’ papers. If the preposition has been used, players check it off in colored pencil.
6. When the timekeeper has called out all ten prepositions, players reread the sentences containing check marks to be sure that the whole prepositional phrase is underlined. If it is, another check mark is added.
7. Players count up the check marks, write the number at the top of the paper, and return the paper to its owner. The timekeeper records the scores.
8. The timekeeper lays out ten new cards, and the game continues. After three rounds, the player with the most points wins.

Scoring

Players score one point for each check mark.