

Know Your Building Materials!

Prepositions

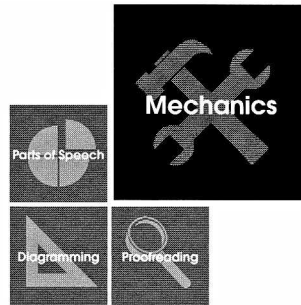
Prepositions are always used with nouns or pronouns (pronouns stand for nouns). They show a relationship between the noun or pronoun and some other idea in the sentence. A preposition can be a single word or two or more words. Some very common prepositions are **in, to, of, into, over, under, above, by, like, behind, beside, because of, due to, inside, around**. There are many prepositions. (*Hint: The **to** used before a verb—**to swim**—is not a preposition.*)

Underline the preposition(s) in each sentence.

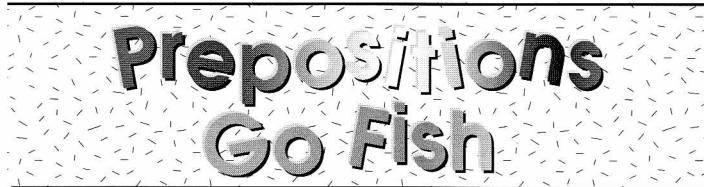
1. Under my hat is a snarl of curls.
2. After the storm, we are going to assess the damage near the barn.
3. Go into your room and find the laundry under your bed!
4. When we arrive at school, run to your classroom and apologize to your teacher.
5. Due to the traffic, we just couldn't get there on time.

Fill in the blanks.

Some coordinating conjunctions are _____, _____,
and _____.



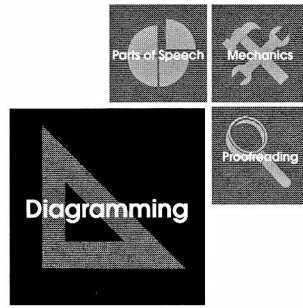
Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find



Write prepositions on index cards so that each one has a match. Shuffle and deal five cards to each player and place the remaining cards in a central pile. The first player may ask any other player for a specific preposition that the asker holds in his hand. If the other player has the card, he must surrender it to the asker. If not, then he tells the asker to "Go fish." When a player gets a match, he puts it on the table. His turn continues until he is told to "Go fish," and he fails to draw a match from the pile.

Common Prepositions

After	Of	On	With
At	Below	To	Off
Between	Behind	Inside	Within
By	Across	Concerning	Onto
Through	Over	Outside	About
Above	Against	Along	Under
Because of	Due to	Before	Amid
Around	Among	Since	Past
Except	Toward	Near	Out

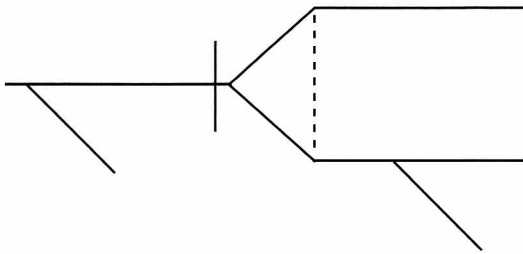


Understand the Structure

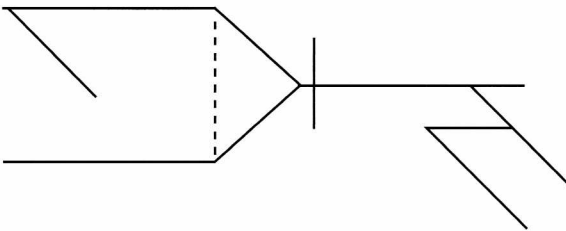
Be Creative!

Write sentences to fit the diagrams below. Then fill in the words on the diagrams.

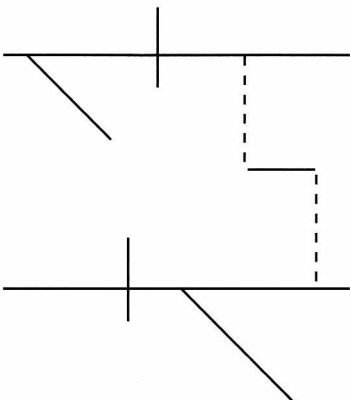
1.



2.



3.





Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Proofreading

Correct the mistakes in the sentences below. **There are nine mistakes.**

The Cubs are my favorite underdogs. Even when they play good, it is a surprise to see them win. The team is full of players who is rejects from other teams. Even Sammy Sosa does'nt get the respect he deserve since his team so rarely wins. He hits plenty of homers but his homers aren't game winners. The Cubs may disappoint the fans oftener then not, but they are loveable even when they loose.