

Look at the following phrases from the sentences on the previous page.

Under the sofa, *over* the clouds, *inside* the box, *outside* the box, *below* the white box, *at* 6 a.m., *in* May and *on* Monday.

The words *under*, *over*, *inside*, *outside* and *below* tell us about the position of the naming words in the sentences. The words *at*, *in* and *on* tell us about time. Such words are called **prepositions**.

Words that show position and time in a sentence are called **prepositions**.

Examples:

My book is *under* the bed.

The little puppy is *inside* the box.

The bird flew *over* the tree.

The kitten is *outside* the basket.

I will meet you *at* 5 p.m.

Riya was born *in* 2012.

Raghu came to my house *on* Saturday.

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2. Underline the prepositions in the following sentences.

(a) The dog jumped over the fence.

(b) The puppy was hiding under the table.

(c) There was a bird outside the window.



(d) Sona will come home at 6 o'clock.

(e) I have karate classes on Monday and Wednesday every week.

Let us now look at the usage of each preposition.

- We use the preposition **under** to say that something is below something else.

Example:

*The dog is **under** the chair.*

- We use the preposition **over** to say that something is above something else.

Example:

*The butterfly flew **over** the flowers.*

- We use the preposition **inside** to say that something is within something else.

Example:

*My keys are **inside** my bag.*

- We use the preposition **outside** to say that something is out of something else. It is the opposite of inside.

Example:

*The books are **outside** the bag.*

- We use the preposition **below** to say that something is kept/placed at

