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## Hidden vs. Proper

**Directions:** Read each pair of sentences. Choose the sentence that is more formal for academic writing. Circle the letter (A or B) of your choice.



1. A. The treasure chest was behind the old oak tree.  
B. The treasure chest was in back of the old oak tree.
2. A. The teacher stood in back of the podium while giving her speech.  
B. The teacher stood behind the podium while giving her speech.
3. A. The playground is behind the school building.  
B. The playground is in back of the school building.
4. A. The dog hid in back of the curtains during the thunderstorm.  
B. The dog hid behind the curtains during the thunderstorm.
5. A. The car was parked behind the grocery store.  
B. The car was parked in back of the grocery store.
6. A. The statue stands behind the fountain in the park.  
B. The statue stands in back of the fountain in the park.
7. A. The runner stretched in back of the bleachers before the race.  
B. The runner stretched behind the bleachers before the race.
8. A. The cat darted behind the sofa when it heard the vacuum.  
B. The cat darted in back of the sofa when it heard the vacuum.
9. A. The students lined up behind their teacher before entering the museum.  
B. The students lined up in back of their teacher before entering the museum.
10. A. The band stored its instruments in back of the stage after practice.  
B. The band stored its instruments behind the stage after practice.