

Preposition Practice Prompts Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. **Beside:** I sat beside my best friend on the park bench.
Besides: Besides my best friend, my cousin also came to the park.
2. **Beside:** The teacher stood beside the student while explaining the answer.
Besides: Besides helping with homework, she also tutored her classmates.
3. **Beside:** The parade float was beside the marching band.
Besides: Besides the parade, there were fireworks and music afterward.
4. **Beside:** The coach sat beside me before the big race.
Besides: Besides practicing, I watched videos to improve my skills.
5. **Beside:** The captain stood beside her teammates as they cheered.
Besides: Besides winning, they valued their teamwork and sportsmanship.
6. **Beside:** We rested beside the lake after our hike.
Besides: Besides hiking, we went kayaking and took photos.
7. **Beside:** The museum café is beside the sculpture gallery.
Besides: Besides the art, the café's desserts were amazing.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Reinforces proper distinction between **beside** (showing location) and **besides** (showing addition or exception) through guided sentence creation.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Allow students needing support to start from sentence frames (e.g., "I sat beside..." or "Besides playing...").
 - For advanced learners, have them combine both prepositions into one complex sentence.
- **Engagement Idea:**
 - Turn it into a "Speed Write" challenge where students have two minutes per pair to create vivid, context-rich sentences.
- **Extension Activity:**
 - Ask students to write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) using both **beside** and **besides** at least twice, highlighting each usage in different colors.