

Under-Word Prepositions Answer Key

1. The dog ran across the yard.

- Base: dog | ran (subject and verb)
- Article "The" modifies "dog" (on a slanted line under "dog")
- Prepositional phrase: across \ yard (slanted line under "ran," "across" on the slant, "yard" on horizontal line)
- Article "the" modifies "yard" (slanted under "yard")

2. The boy sat under the tree.

- Base: boy | sat
- Article "The" modifies "boy"
- Prepositional phrase: under \ tree (slanted under "sat," "tree" on horizontal)
- Article "the" modifies "tree"

3. The book lay on the table.

- Base: book | lay
- Article "The" modifies "book"
- Prepositional phrase: on \ table (slanted under "lay," "table" on horizontal)
- Article "the" modifies "table"

4. The birds flew over the house.

- Base: birds | flew
- Article "The" modifies "birds"
- Prepositional phrase: over \ house (slanted under "flew," "house" on horizontal)
- Article "the" modifies "house"

5. The cat hid behind the couch.

- Base: cat | hid
- Article "The" modifies "cat"
- Prepositional phrase: behind \ couch (slanted under "hid," "couch" on horizontal)
- Article "the" modifies "couch"

Teacher's Notes:

- Each diagram should show the subject and verb on the main horizontal line.
- The article "The" always hangs down on a slanted line under its noun.
- Each prepositional phrase is attached below the word it modifies, with the preposition written on the slant and its object on a horizontal line.
- This keeps the focus on recognizing prepositions and objects of the preposition within each sentence.