

What are word classes?

Word classes mean the type of word it is.

There are lots of different types of words, just like there are lots of different types of sports, foods and places!

In this video, we will cover:

Nouns

Verbs

Adjectives

Adverbs

Pronouns

Determiners

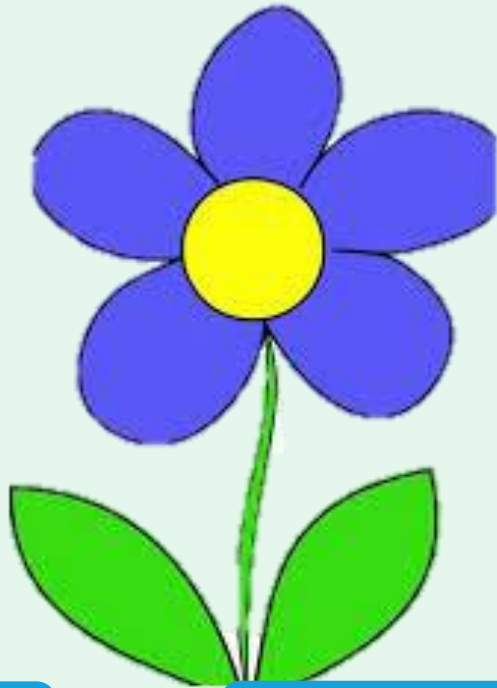
Prepositions

Nouns

A noun is a person, place, animal or thing.



Boy



Flower



Dog



Pencil

Nouns

Nouns can be split into two groups:

Common nouns - regular things.
Do not need a capital letter.

dog

table

playground

pen

tiger

Proper nouns - names of people or places.
Needs a capital letter.

Bagshot

Monday

April

Sophie

Surrey

Nouns

Abstract nouns are things that cannot be seen, generally emotions or ideas.

happiness

jealousy

love

positivity

sadness

freedom

hope

fear

justice

bravery

Verbs

A verb is an action. It is something which you can do.



Run



Write



Dance



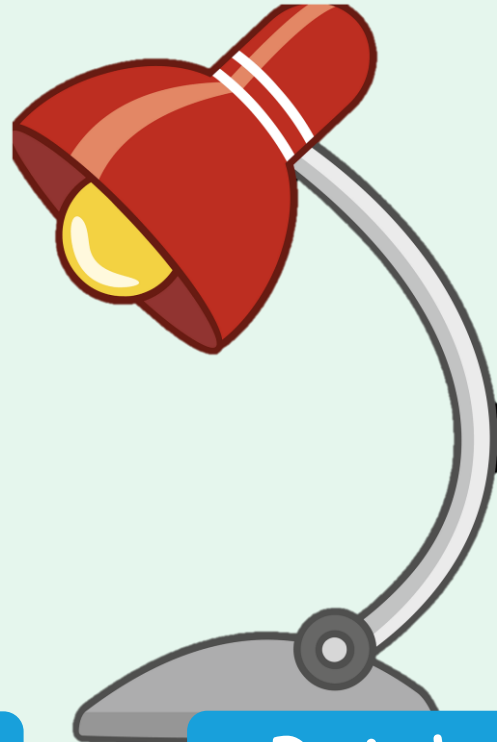
Swim

Adjectives

An adjective describes a noun (a thing).



Colourful



Bright



Green



Happy

Adverbs

Lots of adverbs end -ly, but not always.
Adverbs can also be written as
adverbial phrases, like "with care" or
"with caution".

An adverb describes how you did the verb.



Quickly



Carefully



Sadly



Quietly

Pronouns

A pronoun replaces a noun to stop a sentence sounding too repetitive.

Thomas walked over the grass and Thomas went home.

Thomas walked over the grass and **he** went home.

We still need the first Thomas to indicate who we are referring to, but the pronoun 'he' makes it less repetitive.

Pronouns can be split into two groups:

Personal Pronouns

I
Me
You
He/She
Him
Her
It
We
Us
They
Them

Personal pronouns replace the names of people or things.

For example:

I bought a new teddy bear.

We walked to the park whilst it was snowing.

Possessive Pronouns

My
Mine
Your
Yours
Hers
His
Our
Ours
Their
Theirs

Possessive pronouns replace the people or things that have or own something.

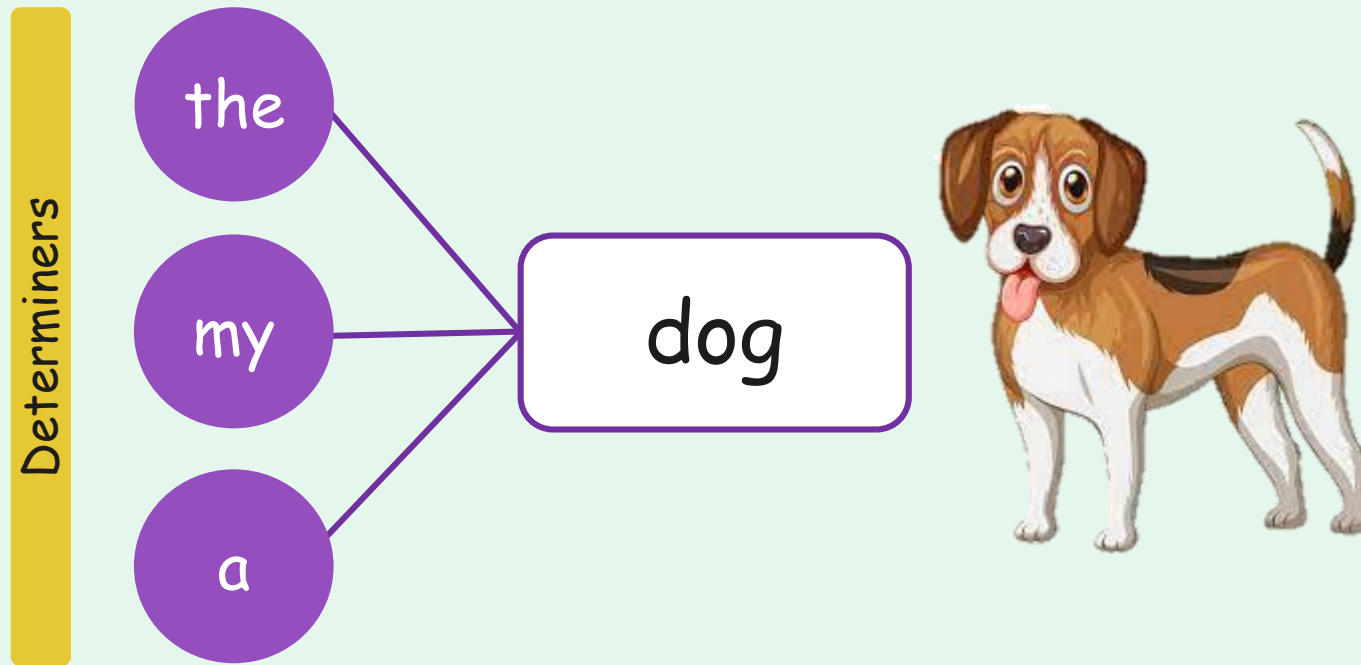
For example:

My friend is called Sasha.

Our family spent Christmas together.

What is a determiner?

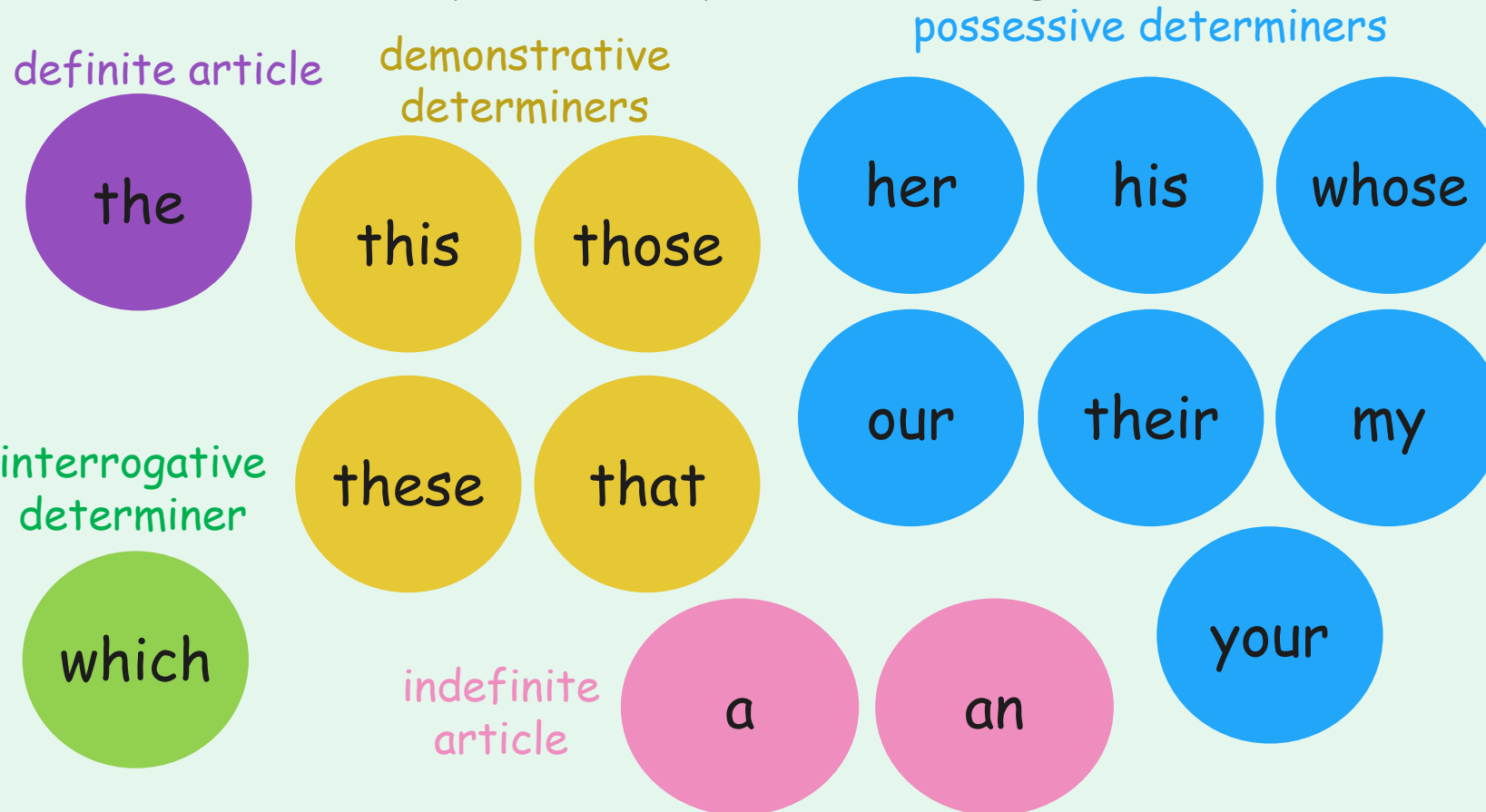
- Determiners are words that come before a noun.



They introduce the noun. They can tell the reader important information about it.

Specific Determiners

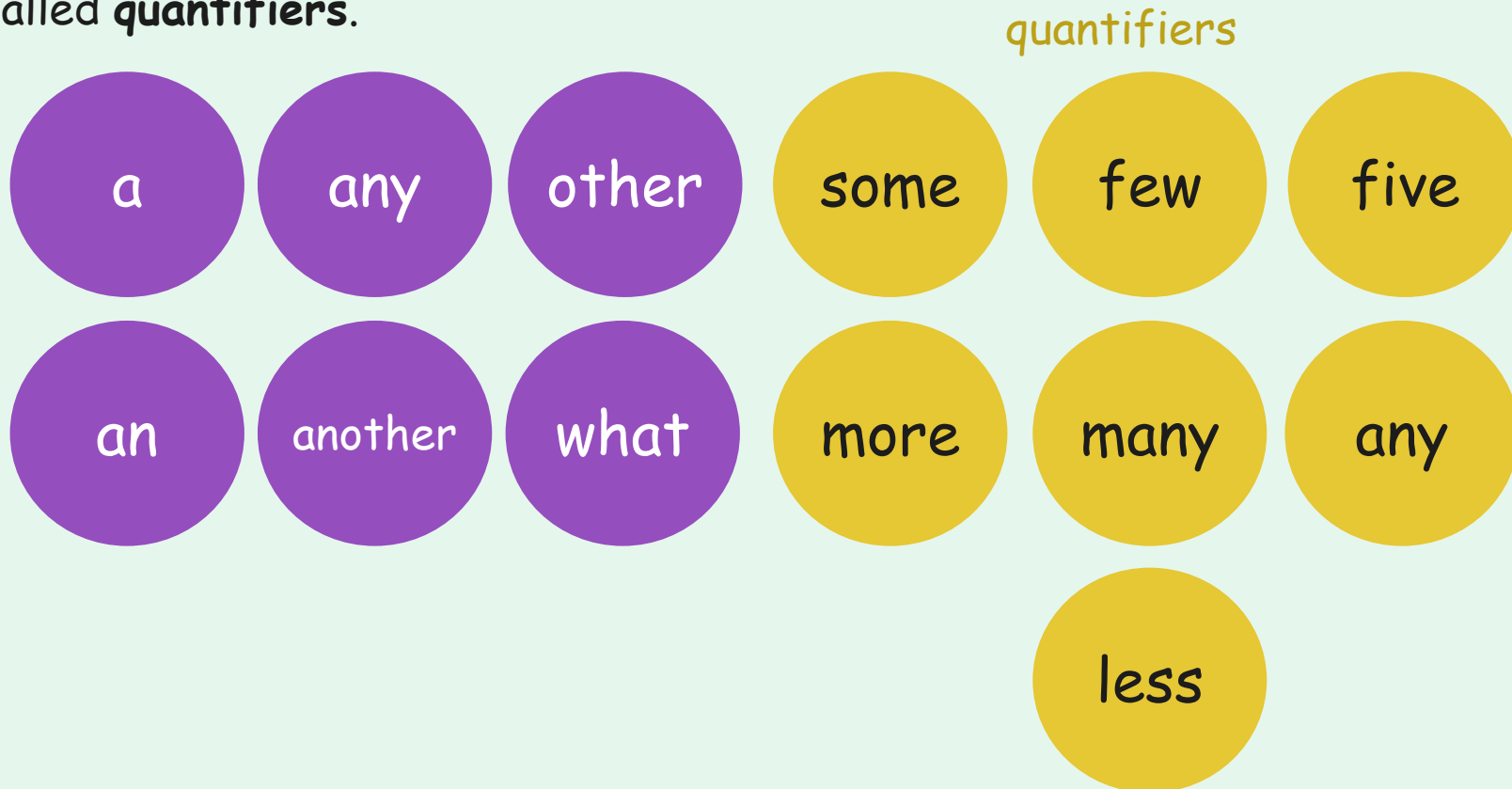
- These refer to a specific noun. Use specific determiners when the reader knows exactly what noun you are referring to.



All of these come before the noun to introduce it. They may have an adjective in between too. E.g. the young fox.

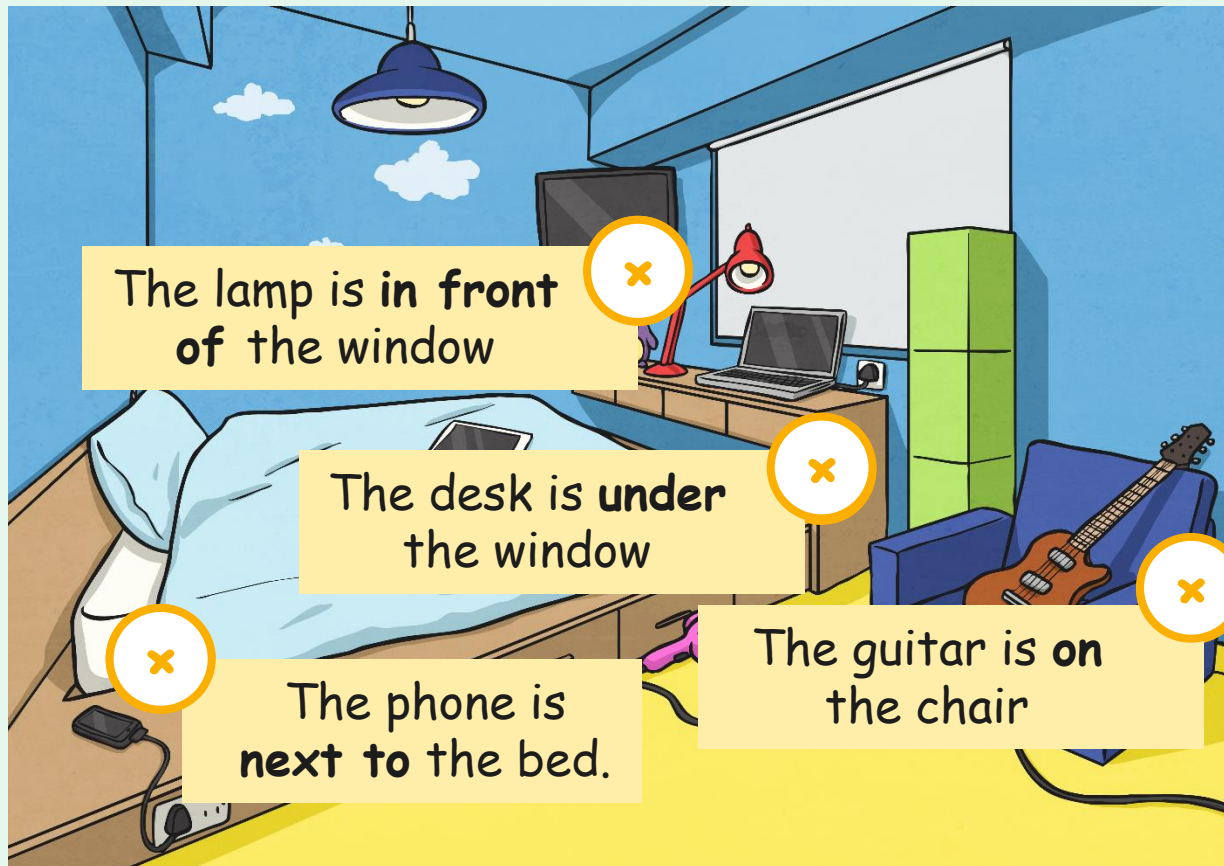
General Determiners

- These are referring to general nouns or nouns that the reader does not know. **General determiners** can also tell the reader how many nouns you are talking about.
- These are called **quantifiers**.



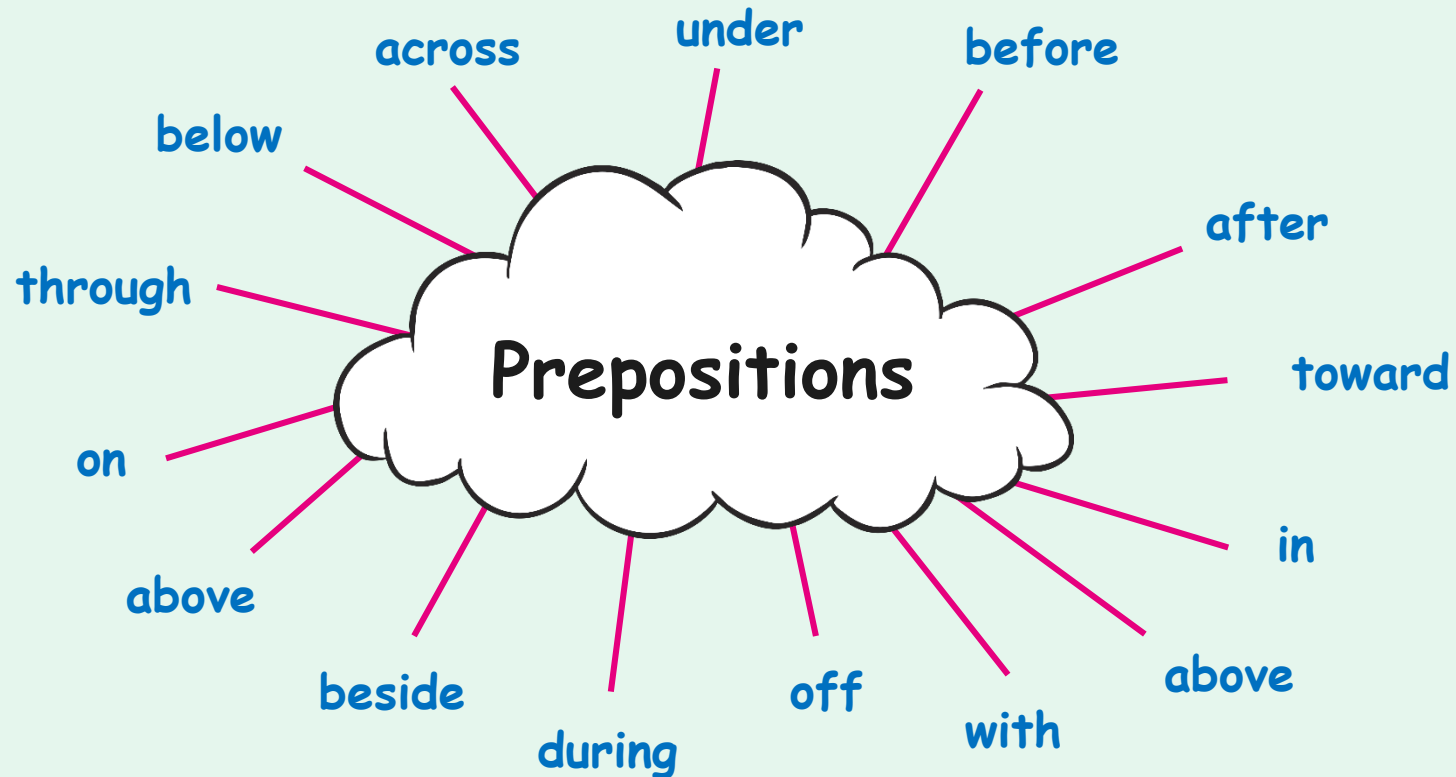
Prepositions

Prepositions are used to describe **where everything is.**



Prepositions

All of these words or phrases (**prepositions**) can describe **time**, **place** or **movement**.

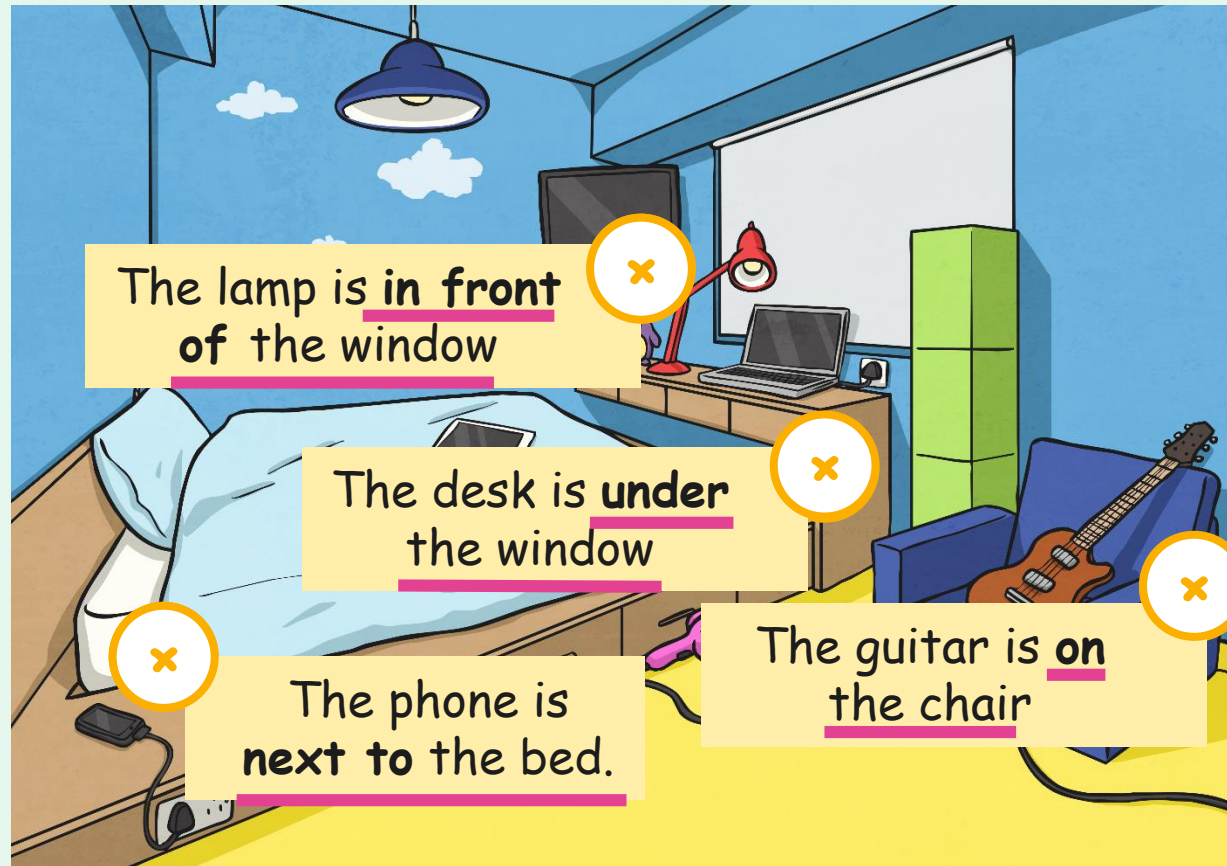


Prepositions tend to be one word.

They can then be used in something called 'prepositional phrases'.

Prepositional phrases

The bold words we looked at earlier are prepositions.



The underlined phrases are prepositional phrases. These often start with a preposition!

Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you!