

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

One skill, start to finish: the IEP goal, six probe forms, the graph. Untimed. Fillable PDF.

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GIVEN (CONDITION: WHAT IS SHOWN, ANY ALLOWED SUPPORT) _____ ON _____ OF _____ CONSECUTIVE PROBES _____

STUDENT WILL (THE BEHAVIOR, IN THE WORDS OF THE PROBE) _____ AS MEASURED BY (THIS PROBE: PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES, FORMS A-F, PAGE 6-11) _____

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Benchmarks toward the goal

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Giving and scoring the probe
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Prepositional Phrases — Form A

My name: _____ Date: _____

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- The secret note stayed within the locked drawer.
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STUDENT _____ CRITERION / AIM _____ GOAL DATE _____

CORRECT OUT OF 10 · DRAW THE AIM LINE FROM THE BASELINE TO THE CRITERION FIRST, THEN PLOT EACH WEEK

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Probe (week)

#	DATE	FORM	CORRECT	ERRORS	SCORE USED ON GRAPH	NOTES (CONDITIONS, WHAT WAS RETEACHED)

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES Prepositional Phrases — Caseload Summary

Every student on this goal, on one grid. Twelve rows, eight probes, one decision column.

TEACHER / CASE MANAGER _____ SKILL (AS THE GOAL WORDS IT) _____ MARKING PERIOD _____

STUDENT	BASLINE	CRITERION	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	TREND	DECISION THIS MONTH

How to fill it:
☐ One row per student who has a goal on this skill. Baseline is the median of the first three probes.
☐ One column per weekly probe; write the score out of 10, not a percent, as the rows compare.

What it is for:
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PROGRESS MONITORING How This Pack Works

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- Log and plot the score the same day.** Draw the aim line first, from the baseline on the left to the criterion at the goal date on the right; then plot each week's dot.
- Decide from the graph.** Three dots in a row under the aim line: change the teaching this week and write the change on the log. Three in a row over it: raise the target.
- Report from the log.** The log gives the progress report its numbers: baseline, the last two scores, and what the errors keep landing on.

The weekly routine, about five minutes
☐ Monday: put the next form in the rotation (A, B, C, D, E, F, A, ...).
☐ Any day: give the probe one-to-one, untimed; ten items takes a few minutes.
☐ Same day: score it, log the row, plot the point, look at the last three points.
☐ Friday: if three points sit under the aim line, write the change you are making on the log.

Print and prep
☐ Print one copy per student per week: the student writes on the form and that same sheet is the one you score.
☐ The forms are student sheets with nothing on them but the problems. The answer key and the Correct ____ / 10 box for every form are on pages 16 and 17; score there, then log it.
☐ Keep the goal page and the graph page for each student at the front of the data folder; type into them or write on them.
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What this probe is not

It is not a norm-referenced test and it carries no benchmark score. The sample goal uses invented criteria in brackets; your team sets the real ones from the baseline and the student's IEP. Every form is untimed and ten items long, so a score of 8 means the same thing on every form, and a student is never scored on speed.

Equivalent forms, and why it matters

Every form has ten items drawn the same way, from one shuffle of the same bank, and no item appears on two forms — 60 different items across the six forms. A score on one form means the same as a score on another, so the line on the graph is the student, not the paper. Rotate the forms and the page cannot be memorized.

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- ☐ Say: "Read each sentence. Find the group of words that tells where, when, or which one. Write the first word of that group in the box."
- ☐ Correct: the single preposition that starts the phrase, spelled correctly.
- ☐ Each sentence has exactly one prepositional phrase; none is bolded or underlined.
- ☐ Untimed. Let the student finish all ten.

Scoring rules for this student (accepted answers, reversals, supports allowed)

What the errors say to reteach (carry over from the log)

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1. A tiny spider spun its web inside the shed.

2. The cyclists pedaled along the winding river path.

3. Beside the mailbox, a squirrel buried an acorn.

4. He checked his homework before the bus arrived.

5. The deer grazed near the quiet creek.

6. Outside the classroom, a bird built its nest.

7. A rainbow stretched above the misty valley.

8. The narrow path runs between two tall oak trees.

9. The kitten hid under the warm blanket.

10. Among the crowd, a familiar face appeared.

Prepositional Phrases — Data Log and Graph

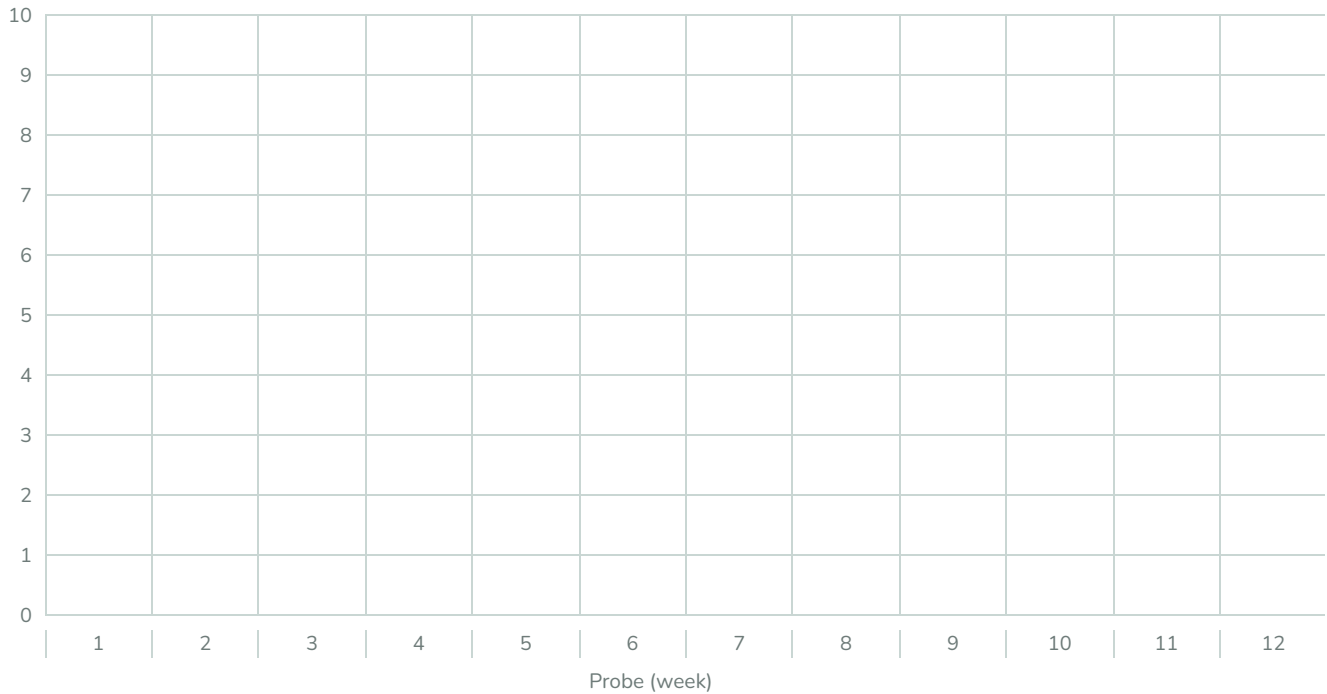
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- ☐ Decision: keep going, change the teaching, or raise the target. A blank decision on a flat row is the thing this page exists to catch.

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- ☐ Criterion met on probes 11 and 12; one more consecutive probe at 8 or better and the goal is met.

The progress report sentence this log produces

“On weekly prepositional phrases probes (10 items, untimed), Devon scored 3 of 10 at baseline in September and 8 of 10 on each of the two most recent probes in November. Progress is sufficient to meet the goal of 8 of 10 on three consecutive probes by May.” Every number in it is on the log above; nothing is from memory.