

Maths: Describing Our Position

Home Learning Challenges

Go to the park and play a positions game with some friends. Ask one person to shout positional instructions and everyone else has to follow them. You could say that the last person to do it is 'out' and the last person in the game is the winner, or you could just do it for fun. Some examples of instructions could be, "Stand behind the slide," "Stand on top of a path," "Sit underneath the climbing frame" or "Stand next to the gate."

Ask an adult to take some photographs of you and a cardboard box. You could stand behind it, in front of it, next to it and lie underneath it. If it is a big box, you could sit inside it too! Print the pictures and label each one using your position. Each time you label the picture, describe the position to an adult, e.g. "I am standing in the box."

Build an obstacle course in your garden or yard. You could use chairs to go under, steps to go over, pots to go around and a blanket tunnel to crawl through. When you have finished building your obstacle course, model and explain it to a friend, using the correct language, e.g. "First, I climb under the chair, then I walk over the steps." Then, ask your friend to complete it and time them. See if you can beat their time.

Use a scarf to blindfold a friend. You could do this in a room or outside. Ensure there is nothing on the floor that they could trip over. Hide somewhere and describe where you are hiding, e.g. "I am under..." Then, they can take their blindfold off and come and find you. You could swap over roles next time you play.

Put some different-coloured paper on the floor, e.g. red, blue, yellow, orange and green. Then, ask an adult to play some music and then you can dance around the room. When the adult stops the music, you quickly have to get into a position using the coloured paper. Then, describe your position. You might be, 'on top of the blue paper', 'under the red paper' or 'next to the green paper'.



Take a picture of your whole body and print a small copy of it. Cut it out and attach it to something to make the picture stand up, e.g. a bottle lid, a small wooden block or a stone. Take your character around the house, putting it in different positions. Each time you do, describe it to someone. You could make it as silly and crazy as possible, e.g. "I am standing on top of the dinosaur's head" or "I am behind the milk."