Where or When?

Sort prepositional phrases by what they tell.

5.W.6.b "Prepositions – Writing sentences that include prepositional phrases and explaining their functions in the sentence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

PLACE

A place phrase tells where something happens. Ask, "Where?"

Kittens rested **beneath quilts**.

TIME

A time phrase tells when something happens. Ask, "When?"

We sang **after breakfast**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PLACE or TIME for each bold phrase, then pick one item from each category and explain what its phrase tells.

1. The lantern glowed **inside the tent**. PLACE TIME
2. Maya waited **beside the fountain**. PLACE TIME
3. The parade starts **at noon**. PLACE TIME
4. A lizard hid **under a rock**. PLACE TIME
5. Our class meets **on Tuesday**. PLACE TIME
6. The lights dimmed **during the play**. PLACE TIME
7. A hawk circled **above the meadow**. PLACE TIME
8. Sam set his backpack **near the gate**. PLACE TIME

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick one item from each category and explain what its phrase tells.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one sentence with a place phrase and one sentence with a time phrase. Underline each prepositional phrase.

PLACE _____

TIME _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both a place phrase and a time phrase. Underline both phrases and explain what each tells.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The lantern glowed **inside the tent**.	**PLACE**	Inside the tent tells where the lantern glowed.
2	Maya waited **beside the fountain**.	**PLACE**	Beside the fountain tells where Maya waited.
3	The parade starts **at noon**.	**TIME**	At noon tells when the parade starts.
4	A lizard hid **under a rock**.	**PLACE**	Under a rock tells where the lizard hid.
5	Our class meets **on Tuesday**.	**TIME**	On Tuesday tells when the class meets.
6	The lights dimmed **during the play**.	**TIME**	During the play tells when the lights dimmed.
7	A hawk circled **above the meadow**.	**PLACE**	Above the meadow tells where the hawk circled.
8	Sam set his backpack **near the gate**.	**PLACE**	Near the gate tells where Sam set his backpack.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Pick one item from each category and explain what its phrase tells.
Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PLACE**: The puppy slept <u>behind the couch</u>.
- **TIME**: The game ended <u>before sunset</u>.

Challenge: Birds chirped <u>outside the window</u> <u>at dawn</u>. “Outside the window” tells where they chirped, and “at dawn” tells when they chirped.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect the phrase in one PLACE item to where and the phrase in one TIME item to when. In Part 3, check that each underlined group is a complete prepositional phrase.