

Investing in Your Children's Education

OBJECTIVES

In this episode you will:

- *Learn to use prepositions.*
 - *Learn to get involved in your children's education.*
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INTRODUCTION

 Video script

WIZARD

Wizard waits for Rosalinda. He looks at his watch.

I know Rosalinda's upstairs. I really want to go see her. But she might get upset. I'll just wait. At least, it gives us time to talk about today's episode where you will learn how to get involved with your children's education. We will also learn about prepositions. These are words that help you understand time, direction or place. Like at 3:00, I flew over the bridge, through the park and down the street because I had an appointment with Rosalinda. But she's in her room getting ready. Anyway, let's find out what happened to Tony's son, Michael.

VOCABULARY


 Read and learn these words

At least	Either
Get involved	Transfer
Prepositions	Bad time
Next to	Not at all
In front of	Promise
Behind	Between
Making fun	Hold
Bright	Earlier
Trouble	Available
Bleeding	Reschedule

 Put these words in alphabetical order. Use numbers 1-20.

1. At least	1	11. Either	
2. Get involved		12. Transfer	
3. Prepositions		13. Bad time	
4. Next to		14. Not at all	
5. In front of		15. Promise	
6. Behind		16. Between	
7. Making fun		17. Hold	
8. Bright		18. Earlier	
9. Trouble		19. Available	
10. Bleeding		20. Reschedule	

COMPREHENSION

 Read and understand

SCHOOL NURSE'S STATION

Tony rushes into the Nurse's Station.

TONY Hi, I'm Tony Park, Michael's father. Where is he? Is he okay?
NURSE Please calm down, Mr. Park. Your son is fine. He's right here.
TONY Michael.?

Michael is happy to see dad.

MICHAEL Hi, Dad.
TONY Are you okay?
MICHAEL Uh, I think so. Uh, can we go home?
TONY So what happened?
MICHAEL Nothing
TONY What do you mean nothing?
TEACHER Hi. I'm Norman Hill, Michael's teacher. You must be Michael's father.
TONY Yes, I am. So, what happened?

TEACHER'S OFFICE

Teacher describes what happened.

TEACHER How can I say this nicely... Michael got into a fight.
TONY A fight, Michael? But how?
TEACHER Let me explain.

He reaches for some dolls and on the desk (table)...

This is Michael. And next to Michael is Joey. And in front of Michael is Lisa. And behind Michael is Brian. And they all make fun of Michael. And Michael got angry. And they fought.

TONY But why were they making fun of you Michael?
TEACHER Michael is having trouble with his schoolwork. But I don't know why. Michael is a very bright kid. This is what we're trying to figure out.
TONY What trouble? (to Michael) Michael? What's wrong?
MICHAEL I want to go home, Dad.
TONY Yes, we are going home right now. So you explain what happened.. Thank you, Mr. Hill.

TEACHER Any time.

TONY Let's go!

They get up. They leave.

ADULT SCHOOL CLASSROOM

Tony and Eva talk about Michael.

EVA So, Michael is OK?
TONY Yes, but he was in a fight.

ENGLISH FOR ALL

EVA Oh, my!
TONY Oh, he's not hurt. He was only bleeding from here. (Points to his nose.)
EVA Why is Michael getting into a fight with other children?
TONY I don't know. And his teacher doesn't know either. That's what I want to figure out. But Michael isn't talking.

Suddenly TIPSUREE, an intelligent, warm, attractive Asian woman walks in. Tony stares in awe.

TIPSUREE Hi, Eva.
EVA Hi, Tipsuree!
TIPSUREE My class got out early. I came by to say hello.
EVA Tipsuree, have you met Tony?

Tony can only stare.


TIPSUREE No. Hi, Tony. My name is Tipsuree. I'm from Thailand.
TONY Oh, Tipsuree. Nice name. Nice to meet you.
TIPSUREE Thanks. Nice to meet you, too.
EVA Tipsuree transferred last year from a school in San Francisco. Um, she's in the advanced class
TONY Really? Maybe one day, I'll be in advanced class
EVA Very soon, Tony.
TIPSUREE So how long have you been here, Tony?
TONY Three years. And you?
TIPSUREE Five years.
TONY Five years. Your English is so good.
Tips and Tony walk out.

OUTSIDE CLASSROOM

Tony and Tips walk out together.

TIPSUREE Thank you. So, You own a sandwich shop?
TONY Yes. My father and my uncle opened it five years ago. It was their dream. But my father died three years ago.
TIPSUREE Oh, I'm sorry. Is that why you came to the United States?
TONY Yes, I came to take my father's place and help my uncle.
TIPSUREE So do you like owning a shop?
TONY Oh, I do. (HORN HONKS) I'm sorry. Do you need a ride home?
TIPSUREE No, thank you. My sister will pick me up.
TONY This is my number. Maybe we can have coffee sometime?
TIPSUREE Sure.
TONY Okay. How about tomorrow?
TIPSUREE Tomorrow. Okay. Let me check my schedule at home and I'll give you a call later.
Okay?
TONY OK. Bye.
TIPSUREE Bye.

She leaves. The love bug has bitten Tony.

 Next to the number, write Y for a correct statement , N for incorrect.

- Y 1. Michael is Tony's son
- ___ 2. Tony is worried about his son, Michael
- ___ 3. Tony speaks with Michael's teacher
- ___ 4. Michael got into a fight
- ___ 5. Michael is having trouble with his class work
- ___ 6. Tony meets Tipsuree
- ___ 7. Tony likes Tipsuree
- ___ 8. Tipsuree is from Korea, too
- ___ 9. Tony's father died three years ago
- ___ 10. Tony wants to see Tipsuree again

LIFE SKILLS

 Video script

UNCLE BILL'S HOME

Tony arrives from school with a smile. Michael runs to greet him. Uncle Bill sits on the couch.

MICHAEL

Hi, Dad!

TONY

Oh, hi Michael.

BILL

Hey, Tony. There's a message from Michael's teacher on the refrigerator. He wants you to call him.

TONY

Okay.

MICHAEL

Dad, can you help me with my homework? I don't understand it.

TONY

Sure, Michael. How's your nose?

MICHAEL

Okay.

Michael runs to get his homework. The phone rings. Bill answers.

BILL

(PHONE RINGS) Hello? Okay, just a minute. Tony. The phone.

TONY

Hello?

TIPSUREE'S PLACE

TIPSUREE

Hi, Tony. It's Tipsuree. Is this a bad time?

TONY

Tipsuree. Hi. Bad time? No. No, not at all.

TIPSUREE

I'd love to have coffee with you. How about tomorrow at 5:00?

TONY

Five tomorrow. Perfect. Do you know the World Cafe on Main Street next to the bank?

TIPSUREE

Oh, I love that place.

TONY

Hold on one second.

MICHAEL

I need help with my homework.

TONY

(covering the receiver) Don't bother me. *(TO TIPSUREE)* Hello?

TIPSUREE *Michael goes to his room depressed. Tony doesn't even notice. Bill notices.*
Hi, what was that?

UNCLE BILL'S HOME

TONY *Tony and Tipsuree are still talking.*
Oh, it was nothing. That's great. Maybe one day, I will meet your brothers. It must have been different growing up with two brothers who are musicians. They sound like fun guys.
TIPSUREE Yes, they are. But it's getting late. It was nice talking to you. So coffee tomorrow?
TONY Yes, we'll talk then. Bye, bye. *(HANGS UP PHONE)* That was Tipsuree.

BILL *Tony hangs up.*
(upset) Good.
TONY What's wrong?
BILL What's wrong? Do you remember you promised Michael to help him?
TONY Oh, yes. Michael. *(calling)* Michael...
BILL He's asleep now. Listen, Tony. I don't want to tell you how to raise your son. But you must make more time for him.
TONY What? I am a good father.
BILL Good father? He's asked you many times to help him with his schoolwork.
TONY That's the school's job.
BILL No, it's also yours. And you'd rather talk to someone you just met than call Michael's teacher?

TONY *Tony looks at his watch.*
Oh. You're right. It's too late to call him now. I'll call him in the morning.

Bill goes to his room. Tony feels guilty.

BILL'S LIVING ROOM

TONY *Tony is on the phone.*
Yes, My name is Tony Park. I'd like to talk to Mr. Teacher.

SCHOOL CLERK'S OFFICE

SCHOOL CLERK Ah, yes. Mr. Park. Mr. Hill wants to know if you can come today and see him. He's available between three and four.
TONY Between three and four. Then I will be there at three *(CALL WAITING)* Oh, can you hold on for one second?
SCHOOL CLERK Yes


TONY *Tony clicks over.*
Hello?

TIPSUREE PLACE

TIPSUREE Hi, Tony. It's Tipsuree.
TONY *(quite happy)*
Oh, hi!
TIPSUREE I'm really sorry, but my plans changed. I'm wondering if we can have coffee a little earlier? I'm free between three and four.
TONY Between three and four?
TIPSUREE Is that OK?

WIZARD

Tony doesn't know what to do.
And freeze!

 Read and understand

Be part of your children's education!

There are many ways to help your children do better in school. Here are some suggestions:

- Talk to your children's teacher on a regular basis
 - Establish a routine for your children's schoolwork at home
 - Provide your children with a "study space" at home
 - On a regular basis ask your children to share their day at school
 - Answer teacher notes immediately
 - Visit your children's classes whenever possible
 - Provide other sources of information for their schoolwork (internet, books, encyclopedias, etc.)
 - Take your children to the library at least once a week
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NOMO PAIN

Pain Capsules
60 Capsules

Use for temporary relief of:

- Headaches
- Muscle Pain
- Stiff Neck

Directions:


Adults 16 yrs and above, take 2 capsules every 4 hours.

Children should not take this product.

DO NOT TAKE IF SEAL IS BROKEN

Expires 2-20-2003

Consult your physician

 Read the information above and choose the correct answer.

- a 1. What's this?
a. A medicine label
b. A teacher's note
- ___ 2. What's the name of the product?
a. Pain capsules
b. Nomo Pain
- ___ 3. What is this medicine for?
a. Pain
b. Children
- ___ 4. How many capsules do you take?
a. 4 every 2 hours
b. 2 every 4 hours
- ___ 5. This medicine is not for ...
a. children
b. adults
- ___ 6. What do you do with this medicine after 2-20-2003?
a. Throw it in the trash
b. Give it to your doctor
- ___ 7. Consult your physician means?
a. go see a counselor
b. talk to a doctor
- ___ 8. "Seal is broken" means...
a. the medicine is unsafe
b. the capsules are incomplete
- ___ 9. This medicine will relieve...
a. headaches
b. diabetes
- ___ 10. Temporary means...
a. for a while
b. for ever

GRAMMAR

 Video script

ABROCADABRO Hey! Why did you freeze it?!

WIZARD You're back. Is Rosalinda ready?

ABROCADABRO She wants me to tell you that she's almost ready. But first, she needs to find out what Tony decides to do.

WIZARD Okay. But first, we need to do today's lesson.

ABROCADABRO Okay. I'll help. Prepositions are words that help us understand time, place and direction. Watch and listen.

TEACHER This is Michael. Now, NEXT TO Michael is Joey, IN FRONT of Michael is Lisa and BEHIND Michael is Brian.

TONY I'll call him IN the morning.

 Read, understand and practice

Prepositions

Prepositions are words that help us understand time, place and direction.

- At is a preposition of time and place. I go home **at** eight o'clock. Tony works **at** a sandwich shop.
- Next to is a preposition of place. It indicates proximity. Michael sits **next to** Luis.
- In front of is also a preposition of place and indicates frontal proximity. The post office is **in front of** the bank.
- Behind is a preposition of place and indicates rear proximity. The parking lot is **behind** the store.
- Between is a preposition of place and means "in the middle of." Eva sat **between** two people.
- Through is a preposition of direction and indicates going from one end to the other. Tony drove **through** the tunnel.
- On is a preposition of place and indicates above or in a specific place. That store is **on** Main Street.

Choose the correct answer

- a 1. Tony goes to school ____ 6 o'clock.
a) at b) from c) in
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ENGLISH FOR ALL

- ___2. Michael sits _____ Norma.
 a) between b) behind c) at
- ___3. The sandwich shop is _____ the bank and the post office.
 a) between b) on c) at
- ___4. The dictionary is _____ my desk.
 a) with b) between c) on
- ___5. The post office is _____ main Street.
 a) with b) between c) on
- ___6. Conrad doesn't like to sit _____ the window.
 a) next to b) at on c) on next
- ___7. Tipsuree sat in _____ of Tony.
 a) behind b) close c) front
- ___8. You need to drive _____ the parking lot.
 a) through b) at c) between
- ___9. He needs to be here _____ 6 a.m.
 a) on b) in c) at
- ___10. Eva's office is next _____ the library.
 a) to b) at c) year

SPECIAL SKILLS

 Video script

WIZARD	That was very easy, yes? Now, let's see what Tony decides. And...
ABROCADABRO	Can I do it?
WIZARD	Okay.
ABROCADABRO	And -- and...
WIZARD	Action.
ABROCADABRO	Action.
TONY	Ah, can you hold on one second?
TIPSUREE	Sure. Tony clicks over to other line.
TONY	Yes. Is Mr. Hill available tomorrow?
SCHOOL CLERK	Mmm, not tomorrow. Not until next week.

TONY Tony pauses.
Then I will call back next week.

SCHOOL CLERK Okay. Thank you. Bye, bye.

TONY Thank you. *Tony clicks back to Tips.* Three o'clock will be great.
COFFEE SHOP

Tipsuree and Tony drinking coffee.

TONY Thank you. I am so glad you called.

TIPSUREE I hope you weren't too busy.

TONY No, not really. I had to see my son's teacher today. But I can re-schedule that.

TIPSUREE Son? Are you married?

TONY No. Maria and I divorced four years ago.

TIPSUREE I'm sorry.

TONY That's okay.

TIPSUREE So you were supposed to see your son's teacher?

TONY Yes. My son is having problems at school.

TIPSUREE And you'd rather have coffee with me than talk to your son's teacher?

TONY *(clueless)* Of course!

TIPSUREE I can't believe you think coffee is more important than your son's education.

TONY It's no big thing. I can see him anytime.

TIPSUREE *(appalled)* Anytime? The most important thing in your life is your son. He comes first.
I'm sorry. I have to go.

She leaves him sitting alone.

BILL'S LIVING ROOM

TONY *Tony enters. Michael sits on the couch with Bill.*
Hi.

MICHAEL *No answer from Michael.*
You don't have to worry about me and school. I'm never going to school again!

Michael has two black eyes.

TONY Michael...!

ROSALINDA'S LIVING ROOM

ABROCADABRO Ouch! Looks like Tony made a bad decision. Can we give him another chance?
WIZARD Sure!

ABROCADABRO ... Thanks, Wizard. You're great.

WIZARD Please tell that to your sister.

ABROCADABRO Maybe I will. And action.

BILL'S LIVING ROOM

TONY I'm sorry. I can't have coffee with you today.

TIPSUREE Oh, that's okay.

TONY I need to meet with my son's teacher.

TIPSUREE You -- you're married?

TONY No. Maria and I divorced four years ago. Maybe we can do it another time. This meeting is very important.

TIPSUREE A responsible father. I like that. Of course we can re-schedule. How about tomorrow?
TONY Sure.
TIPSUREE Okay. I'll call you tomorrow. Bye.
TONY Okay. Bye. (CLICKS BACK) I am so sorry.
SCHOOL CLERK Oh, that's okay.
TONY I'll be there at three o'clock.
SCHOOL CLERK Oh, okay. We'll see you then. Bye, bye.

CLASSROOM

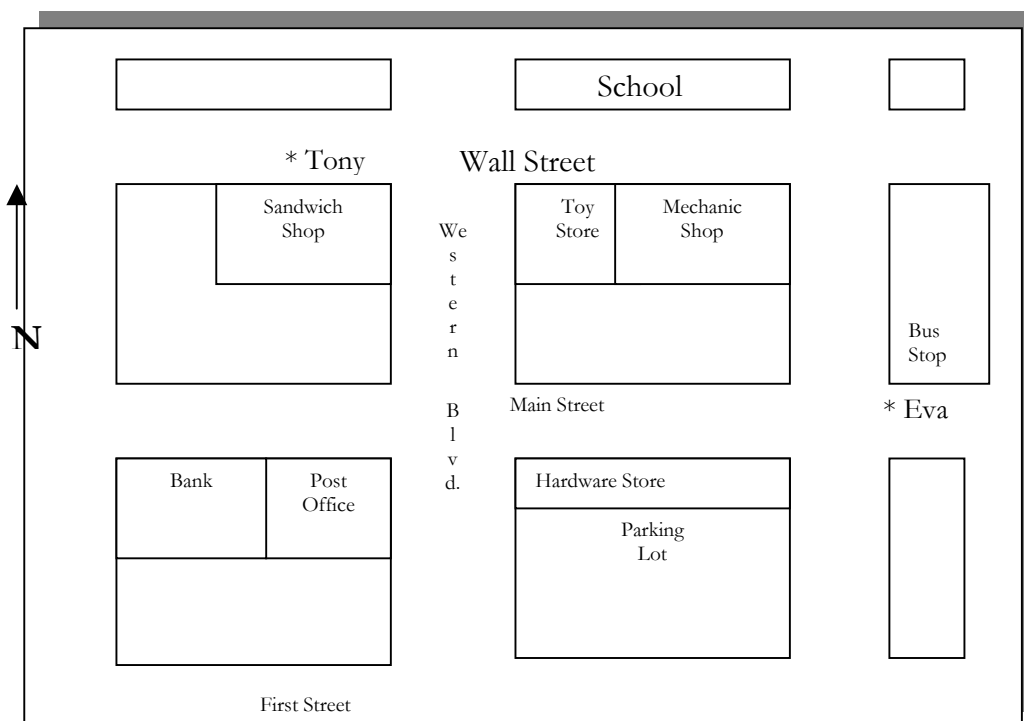
Teacher meets with Tony. There are signs around the room. "On the board." "In the doorway" "On the desk". "Above the door" and one floating above a bookcase "over the bookcase." Mr. Teacher has been teaching prepositions.

TONY You wanted to see me.
TEACHER Mr. Park. I believe I know why Michael is having problems.
TONY Why?
TEACHER Michael needs glasses.
TONY Glasses?
TEACHER Yes. That's why he was fighting with his friends. Michael couldn't read the blackboard, so he was reading his friends' work.
TONY Michael was cheating?
TEACHER I wouldn't say that. Michael doesn't cheat. Once he gets his glasses, he'll be okay. But I must ask you. Mr. Park, didn't you notice him having problems at home?
TONY I have to admit I haven't been paying enough attention to my son. But I know nothing like this will happen again.

CONRAD'S OFFICE

CONRAD Conrad and two goons sit at a table.
GOON 1 I think Mr. Park needs another reason to sell his shop.
CONRAD Another visit, Boss?
CONRAD Oh, yes. We're going to help him clean his shop.

Conrad laughs sure of his plan.



📖 Read the information above and choose the correct answer.

- Tony is c the sandwich shop.
 - the
 - of
 - at
 - at
- The post office is _____ the parking lot.
 - in front of
 - between
 - at
 - at
- Who is waiting at the bus stop?
 - Tony
 - School
 - Eva
 - Eva
- What street runs North and South?
 - Main Street
 - Western Blvd.
 - Tony
 - Tony
- The toy store is _____ the mechanic shop and the sandwich shop.
 - at
 - between
 - here
 - here
- The parking lot is _____ the hardware store.
 - behind
 - next to
 - at
 - at
- Main street is _____ First Street.
 - next to
 - at
 - on
 - on

8. The bank is _____ main Street.
a. behind b. between c. on
9. Main Street is _____ Wall Street and First Street.
a. between b. behind c. at
10. The school is _____ Wall Street.
a. in front of b. on c. here

CONCLUSION

 Read and understand

WIZARD Oh, no. What do you think Conrad is going to do? You'll have to watch the next episode to find out. See you next time on...

ABROCADABRO Well, uh -- don't you want to review what we learned today?
WIZARD Yes, I almost forgot. We learned to use prepositions like on, in, at and in front of. We also learned it is important for parents to be part of their children's' education.

ABROCADABRO Yes, we did. I think you're going to make a great parent.
WIZARD Thank you.

ABROCADABRO I need to ask you a few more questions.
WIZARD More questions? All right, see you next time on English for All!
ABROCADABRO Mmm, hmm.
WIZARD: All right, see you next time on English for All!
ABROCADABRO And question number one -- how do you turn a prince into a toad?

ANSWERS

EPISODE EIGHTEEN

VOCABULARY			COMPREHENSION		LIFE SKILLS
1. 1	2. 10		1. Y		1. a
3. 16	4. 14		2. Y		2. b
5. 12	6. 4		3. Y		3. a
7. 13	8. 7		4. Y		4. b
9. 20	10. 6		5. Y		5. a
11. 9	12. 19		6. Y		6. a
13. 3	14. 15		7. Y		7. b
15. 17	16. 5		8. N		8. a
17. 11	18. 8		9. Y		9. a
19. 2	20. 18		10. Y		10.a

GRAMMAR			SPECIAL SKILLS	
1. a	2. b		1. a	2. a
3. a	4. c		3. c	4. b
5. c	6. a		5. b	6. a
7. c	8. a		7. a	8. c
9. c	10. a		9. a	10. b