

Category: Listening / Prepositions  
Name: Preposition Cards  
Level: 1 (easiest)  
number of students: open  
organization of students: individual, pair, or teams  
Length of the activity: 5 - 10  
Materials/Preparation: one print of pictures per group

**Procedure:**

Pre-teach if necessary the vocabulary:

*accusative/ablative: english*

Arborem/arbore: tree	mensam/mensa: table
equum/equ <u>o</u> : horse	januam/janu <u>a</u> : door
fenestram/fenestra <u>a</u> : window	aquam/aqua: water

1. Give out a print of the pictures.  
Students can cut them up into individual pictures.  
Teacher cuts up word cards.
2. Teacher calls out a word card.  
Students listen and try to be the first to touch the matching picture.  
(A good idea is to give students fly swatters, so they don't damage the cards or each other)

Variation 1: Use the phrases in sentences: e.g. "Quo modo cubiculum intrat? Per fenestram intrat." (see sentence list below for instant ideas)

Variation 2: Students have the word cards and the teacher holds up a picture.

Variation 3: Mouth the phrase. Students have to read your lips.

Variation 4: Pairs or groups can play Concentration by placing a set of picture cards and a set of word cards face down on desks and matching them. *Students should be well aware of the meaning and pronunciation of the vocabulary.*

Homework: Students can compose sentences for the pictures. Younger students might enjoy cutting pictures from a catalogue and gluing them in their notebooks to illustrate the prepositions. E.g. they draw a table and then glue a picture of a dog on the table and write: "Canis in mensa sedet."

Optional Sentence List:

1. Ubi avis volat? Per arborem volat.  
Where does the bird fly? Through the tree.
2. Ubi est avis? Avis est in abore.  
Where is the bird? The bird is in the tree.
3. Vir ad ianuam ambulat.  
A man is walking to the door.
4. Vir in aquam urinatur. (ûrînatur -long 'u' long 'i')  
A man is diving into the water. (interesting verb!)
5. In aqua natant.  
They are swimming in the water.
6. Quo modo cubiculum intrat? Per fenestram intrat.  
How is he coming into the room? He's coming through the window.
7. Ubi est canis? Canis sub abore sedet.  
Where is the dog? The dog is sitting under the tree.
8. Ubi Marcus stat? Post arborem stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing behind the tree.
9. Ubi Marcus stat? Ante arborem stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing in front of the tree.
10. Ubi Marcus stat? Post equum stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing behind the horse.
11. Quo cum ambulat? Mater cum filio ambulat.  
Who is she walking with? She's walking with her son.
12. Quo cum ambulat? Cum puero ambulat.  
Who is she walking with? She's walking with a boy.
13. Fessus es. Conside, quaeso, in mensa.  
You are tired. Please sit on the table.

14. Quo modo cubiculum intrat? Per ianuam intrat.  
How is he coming into the room? Through the door.
15. Ubi sedet? In equo sedet.  
Where is she sitting? On a horse.
16. Ubi Marcus stat? Ante equum stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing in front of the horse.
17. Ubi Marcus sedet? Sub mensa sedet.  
Where is Marcus sitting? Under the table.
18. Quo it? Sub mensam it.  
Where is he going? Under the table.
19. Ubi Marcus stat? Ante mensam stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing in front of the table.
20. Ubi Marcus stat? Post ianuam stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing behind the door.
21. Ubi Marcus stat? Post mensam stat.  
Where is Marcus standing? He's standing behind the table.
22. Unde vir ambulat? Ab ianua ambulat.  
Where is the man walking from? From the door.
23. Unde vir ambulat? E villa ambulat.  
Where is the man walking from? From the house.
24. Cum quo puer stat? Puer cum gladio stat.  
What is the boy standing with? The boy is standing with a sword.