Explore Positional Words

Let's learn...

Hi there! My name is Paige the Position Pig. This is my friend Sasha. She likes to play blocks! Where is she putting the block? Yes, **on** top. "On top" are positional words.

Positional words are all around us. We just have to look for them. Look at Suzy. Suzy is under the umbrella. "Under" is a positional word, too!

We are inside the school!

Do you see Zeb?
Where is Zeb?
Yes, Zeb is inside
the slide.
"Inside" is a
positional word.
Have you been
inside a slide?
Are we inside
right now?

Do you see the gift?

Rebecca is hiding a gift from her grandmother. Where is Rebecca hiding the gift? Yes, she is hiding the gift **behind** her back. "Behind" is a positional word.

Let's play in the rain!

Kahlil and Feisal were playing in the rain, and now they are standing out of the rain. Kahlil and Feisal are standing **beside** one another. "Beside" is a positional word.

Look at Jasmine's family. They are sitting **outside** of their house. "Outside" is a positional word. Do you like to go outside?

All aboard!

Jack is getting on the bus first. Jack is **in front of** Mei. "In front of" are positional words. The line leader also stands in front of the other friends in the line.
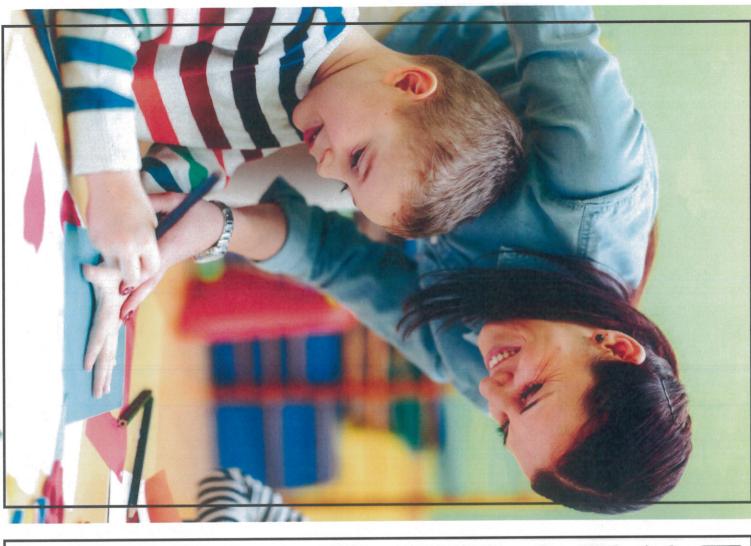
Look at Vaida. Vaida is jumping **over** the sprinkler. "Over" is a positional word. Have you tried to jump over something?

This is Anita and her sister, Norah. Who is in **between** Anita and her sister?

Yes, Anita's mom is in between them. "In between" are positional words.

Cheese!

Look at Scott!

Scott's teacher is helping him trace **around** his hand. "Around" is a positional word.

Hands-On: Have students act out the positional words they learned in the book: inside, on top, between, outside, over, in front of, beside, under, behind, and around. For example, one student can stand "behind" a friend. One student can crawl "under" the table. One student can sit "on top of" the chair.

Engage Thinking: As the students explore the positional words, check in with them by having them restate what the word is. You can challenge the students by whispering a positional word to the student acting it out. The remaining students will guess the word.