

A is *in*, or *within*, or *inside* the square. *B* is *above*, or *over* the square. *C* is *without*, or *outside*, or *away from* the square. *D* is *beside* the square. *E* is *under*, or *beneath*, or *below* the square. *F* is *across*, or *athwart* the square. The teacher may illustrate it more thoroughly by using a pencil and a book, by means of which he can shew the different relations, or positions that the pencil may bear to the book ; as, *On*, *away from*, &c.

2. The relation is sometimes between nouns ; as, *Hatred of* vice—sometimes between an adjective and a noun ; as, *Fond of* fishing—sometimes between a verb and a noun, or an adverb and a noun ; as, *He killed him with* a sword. *He lived consistently with* his principles.

QUESTIONS ON THE PREPOSITION.

What is a Preposition ? How would you illustrate the meaning of 'relation' ? Between what different classes of words do prepositions shew the relation ?

EXERCISE ON THE PREPOSITION.

Select the Prepositions and tell between what words they shew the relation :—

He went from Toronto to Hamilton. John rode on the horse. Walk in the path of virtue. George is obedient to his parents. The book lies on the table. He was my companion in adversity. Bridges are made across rivers. The dog held the meat in his mouth. He went through the gate. The bird flew into the thicket. He is respected at home.

RULE FOR THE PREPOSITION.

A Preposition is followed by the Objective Case.

ORDER OF PARSING THE PREPOSITION.

[As the Preposition expresses a 'double relation,' it carries the mind **back** to some idea already mentioned, and **forward** to some other idea, which completes the thought ; this double relation must be given in order that the parsing may be complete.

EXAMPLE—He threw it with all his force against the wall.

Relation.

Threw *with* force,

Threw *against* wall,

Etymology and Syntax.

With.—prep. followed by 'force' in obj.

Rule.

Against.—prep. followed by 'wall' in obj.

Rule.

Parse, according to this plan, all the Prepositions in the Exercise given above.