

Reading Level 1: A visit to CarinthiaMonday 5th November**Topics:** family, halloween**Learning points:**

- prepositions
- adjectives

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2 lives with her husband⁴ near Lake Millstatt. We often go there at this time of year. It is good for the children
3 to see their uncle and aunt⁵ sometimes.

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5 We went there by car – we drove there. It snowed on Wednesday in the night and so we drove on the
6 motorway⁶. It is a longer route than driving over the Felber Tauern, but the road is better. Carinthia had
7 more snow than the Tyrol. We drove through the Tauern tunnel, and on the other side there was a lot of
8 snow. The yellow beech⁷ and larch trees and the white snow were very pretty. It was an easy journey⁸.

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10 We had a nice time in Carinthia. There are not many tourists in Millstatt now, so the town is quiet.
11 We walked under the trees and beside the lake. We didn't swim in the lake because it was too cold.
12 One day we went to an indoor swimming pool. We played in the water with the children, who liked to jump
13 into and out of the water and also to go up and down the water slides⁹. My oldest niece can swim under the
14 water. She wears swimming goggles¹⁰ because she doesn't like the chemicals in the water. The other
15 children wear armbands¹¹ because they are quite young and can't swim on their own.

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17 There was a halloween party on Thursday in the evening at 6pm, so the children dressed up¹² as zombies. The
18 party room was decorated with spiders and pumpkins¹³. On the menu there were chopped-off¹⁴ fingers
19 (sausages) and pumpkin soup with eyeballs in it, and other horrible¹⁵ food. It was very funny. The children
20 enjoyed it, but they were tired after the party. Did you have a halloween party? Some people like
21 halloween and some people don't like it. Personally, I don't like it when children play 'trick-or-treat'¹⁶, but
22 fancy-dress parties are OK.

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24 When we came back from Carinthia, we were also quite tired. We caught a cold¹⁷ there, and so now I am
25 sneezing¹⁸ and blowing my nose¹⁹ and coughing²⁰ a lot. I think that I will take some medicine and then I need
26 a good night's sleep!

¹ sister-in-law = Schwägerin

² nephew = Neffe

³ niece = Nichte

⁴ husband = Ehemann

⁵ aunt = Tante

⁶ motorway = Autobahn

⁷ beech tree = Buche

⁸ journey = Reise

⁹ slide = Rutsche

¹⁰ swimming goggles = Schwimmbrille

¹¹ armbands = Schwimmflügel

¹² to dress up = sich verkleiden

¹³ pumpkin = Kürbis

¹⁴ to chop off = abhacken

¹⁵ horrible = schrecklich

¹⁶ trick-or-treat = ‚Süß oder Sauer‘ an Halloween

¹⁷ to catch a cold =

¹⁸ to sneeze = niesen

¹⁹ to blow one's nose = sich die Nase putzen

²⁰ to cough = husten

Level 1 questions

There are some good rules about prepositions.

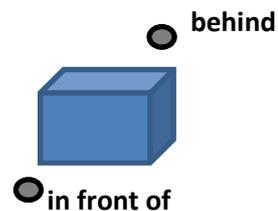
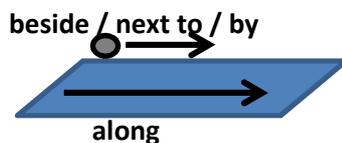
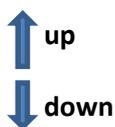
Prepositions of time:

- in 2009 / January / the morning/afternoon/evening *longer time periods*
- on Monday / the 25th January / Christmas Day *a specific day*
- at 4pm *a specific time (point)*

Prepositions of place:

	Moving	Fixed
Point 	to(wards) ...  from... 	at 
Surface 	over  onto  off  below/under(neath) 	above  on  below / under(neath) 
Area 	into  out of 	in(side)  outside 

There are other prepositions, too



1. Can you complete the following text with prepositions? (in / at / on / by / to etc.)

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Now check your answers with the original text!

Adjectives

Adjectives make a story a lot more interesting.
How many adjectives can you find in the text?
Do you use them when you speak or write English?