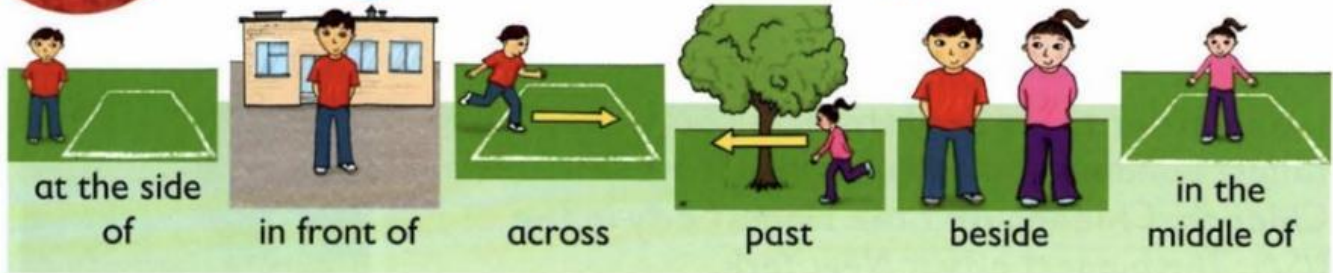


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Let's play 'Boatman'!



Reading

1 Read and listen.

Do you play games with your friends at school? Where do you play? In the UK, children play games outside in the playground. A traditional playground game is 'Boatman'. This is how to play it.



One child is the Boatman. The others must stand at the side of the playground. They must ask, 'Boatman, can we go across the river?'

The Boatman says, 'You can go across the river if you're wearing green.' (The Boatman can choose the colour.)



If you're wearing green, you can walk across the playground. The Boatman can't catch you. If you aren't wearing green, you mustn't walk – you must run really quickly past the Boatman. He must try to catch you.



If the Boatman catches you, you must stay beside him in the middle of the playground and help him catch the others. Then the others must ask again, 'Boatman, can we go across the river?' Now the Boatman must choose a different colour: 'You can go across the river if you're wearing blue.' ...

Comprehension

2 Choose and write.

We can walk. Now you must help me.

Can we go across the river?

I must run.

~~I'm the Boatman.~~

You can go across, if you're wearing blue.

I'm the Boatman.



3 Correct one word in each sentence.

- The Boatman stands ~~behind~~ the other children.
- The children say, 'Boatman, can we go across the lake?'
- The Boatman chooses a number.
- Some of the children can sit down.
- The Boatman tries to find the children.

in front of

4 Write *must* or *mustn't*.

- The Boatman must stand in front of the children.
- The Boatman _____ choose a colour.
- If you aren't wearing the colour you _____ walk, you _____ run!
- The Boatman _____ try to catch you.
- If he catches you, you _____ stay and help him.

Vocabulary

5 Choose and write.

playing
basketball

running

trampolining

reading a
comic

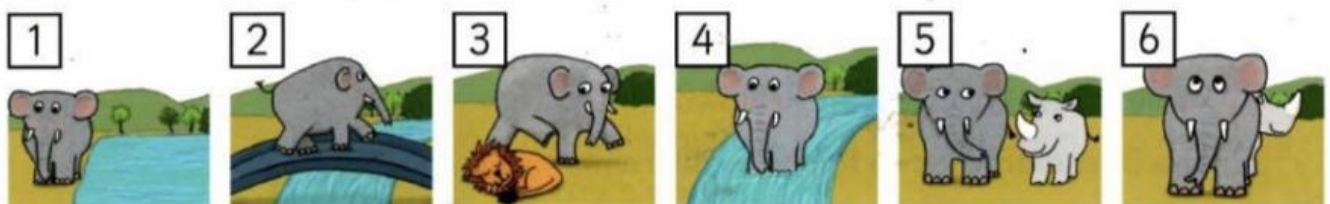
shouting

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- 1 Three boys are at the side of the playground. They're playing basketball.
- 2 There's a girl in the middle of the playground. She's _____.
- 3 There's a girl sitting beside the tree. She's _____.
- 4 A boy is running past the tree. He's _____.
- 5 Two boys are _____ in front of the teacher.
- 6 There's a line of girls _____ across the playground.

6 Where's the elephant? Look and write.



past
in the middle of
across
~~at the side of~~
in front of
beside

- 1 It's at the side of the lake.
- 2 It's going _____ the river.
- 3 It's walking _____ the lion.
- 4 It's _____ the river.
- 5 It's _____ the rhino.
- 6 It's _____ the rhino.

Writing



My favourite games by Alex

I love games. At school we play in the playground. I always play with my friends. We play football and basketball. We don't play volleyball or baseball.

My favourite game is called Boatman. It's fun. You must catch your friends. You must run very fast. I love running and playing. At home I play with my brother. We don't play Boatman. You can't play with two people. We play tennis in the garden. In the evening we play computer games and table tennis.

7 Write *and* or *or*.

- 1 We don't play in the road or in the park.
- 2 I like playing chess _____ other board games.
- 3 My favourite games are tennis _____ volleyball.
- 4 I don't play with dolls _____ toy cars.
- 5 I love running _____ catching my friends.
- 6 I play in my room with my brother _____ sister.

8 Write in your notebook about your favourite game.

Use these questions to help you with your writing:

- What's your favourite game?
- How do you play it?
- Use *You must ...* or *You mustn't ...*
- Where do you play it?
- Who do you play it with?
- When do you play it?