



### Let's Read Together!

In honor of the late Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd, March is official Storybook or Read Aloud Month. You know what that means, don't you? That's right! It's time to get comfortable and read your favorite picture books. Although many picture books are written for kids, adults enjoy the simply put, yet sophisticated messages. Read the following excerpts from our favorite Dr. Seuss books, and try to fill in the missing prepositions. Look at *Prepositions of Position* on the back of this sheet for help.



*Definition: A preposition is a word that describes the relationship of one word to another, indicating their location in time or space*  
*Example: The cow jumped **over** the moon.*

*Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, Dr. Seuss (Random House, Beginner Books, 1990)

You have brains \_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> your head. You have feet \_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're \_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go. You'll look \_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> and \_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> streets. Look 'em \_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> with care. About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there." With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet, you're too smart to go \_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> any not-so-good street. And you may not find any you'll want to go \_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>. In that case, of course, you'll head straight \_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> town.

March 17th is the day we celebrate the Irish holiday St. Patrick's Day. On this day, people wear green for good luck. Here is a "green" story to begin your St. Patrick's Day!



*Green Eggs and Ham*, Dr. Seuss (Random House, Beginner Books, 1960)

Say! I like green eggs and ham! I do! I like them, Sam-I-am! And I would eat them \_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> a boat. And I would eat them with a goat. And I would eat them \_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> the rain. And \_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> the dark. And \_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> a train. And \_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> a car. And \_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> a tree. They are so good, so good, you see! So I will eat them \_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> a box. And I will eat them with a fox. And I will eat them \_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> a house. And I will eat them with a mouse. And I will eat them here and there. Say! I will eat them ANY-WHERE! I do so like green eggs and ham! Thank you! Thank you, Sam-I-Am!

1. in 2. in 3. in 4. on 5. in 6. in 7. in 8. in

1. in 2. in 3. on 4. up 5. down 6. over

7. down 8. down 9. out of

Green Eggs and Ham

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Answers



## Culture Corner

March is Women's History Month.

Read here about some famous American women.

- \* Anne Bradstreet was the first published poet in *New England*<sup>1</sup>, and in 1650, she became the first female author as well.
- \* Harriet Tubman was born a slave in Maryland, *eventually*<sup>2</sup> escaping to the North. She *dedicated*<sup>3</sup> the rest of her life to civil rights. Tubman became a guide on the *Underground Railroad*<sup>4</sup>, making 13 trips and rescuing 70 people from slavery.
- \* The famous pilot, Amelia Earhart, was the first female to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She showed the world that women have courage and strength.
- \* Helen Keller was the first deaf/blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree, and went on to become an American author, political activist and lecturer. Her nurse, Anne, taught Helen language and then became her *interpreter*<sup>5</sup>.
- \* Eleanor Roosevelt was the wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose Presidency lasted from 1933 to 1945. Eleanor became the first "First Lady" to *develop*<sup>6</sup> her own political identity.
- \* On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus. Many mark this moment as the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement.
- \* Marilyn Monroe was an actress, singer and model, as well as a major *icon*<sup>7</sup> in 1950's America. She famously sang the Happy Birthday song to President John F. Kennedy, *replacing*<sup>8</sup> his name with "Mr. President."
- \* Gloria Steinem is a feminist and a social and political activist. She became internationally known as a leader and spokeswoman for the women's *liberation*<sup>9</sup> movement. Steinem is still active in her cause.



Rosa Parks' mug shot<sup>10</sup>

1. Northeastern area of USA
2. After a long time, finally
3. Focused on a cause
4. Path used by escaping slaves as they traveled to freedom in the North
5. Translator
6. Elaborate, grow, evolve
7. Symbol
8. Substituting
9. Setting free
10. Photo of arrested person



St. Patrick's Day is March 17th. Remember to wear green or you might get pinched by this fun-loving leprechaun!

## Prepositions of Position

**In** gives the area of something enclosed—a container, a drawer, a room, a building, the world.

*Example:* Put your coat **in** the closet.

**Inside** emphasizes the containment.

*Example:* No one is **inside** the house.

**On** indicates the surface of something—a floor, a wall, a ceiling, a desk, a street.

*Example:* Her coat is **on** my bed.

**On top of** emphasizes the uppermost horizontal surface.

*Example:* The book is **on top of** my desk.

There is an exception to the **on/in** rules when describing modes of transportation. **On** is used instead of **in** when boarding a bus, train, boat or airplane.

*Example:* Get **on** the bus before it leaves. He got **on** a plane an hour ago. Use **in** with a car. She got **in** her car and drove off.

**At** refers to a point in a general vicinity. Also used for addresses with street numbers.

*Example:* He lives **at** 200 Park Ave. He lives **on** Park Ave.



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