Card Game for Prepositions

This activity is designed to revise prepositions in primary school, for children learning English as a second language. Moreover its aim is to teach the students to play together in English following a set of common rules, with little help from the teacher, who should only explain the rules and checks the students from time to time.

Uno game is a fast moving game based on colour and numbers. In this version, children practice the prepositions “in”, “on”, “under”, “in front of”, and “behind”.

Through this activity, children are motivated and can practice prepositions in a natural and funny way.

In order to play, you need two copies of the following pages, giving a total of 80 cards. Shuffle the cards and deal out seven for player. Place a card (not a penalty card) face up and put the remainder of the cards (the pack) face down beside it.

The aim of the game is to get rid of all your cards. You can discard a card onto the face up pile if it is the same animal or the same preposition as the current card showing.

Eg.: if the card showing is “The spider is by the car” then you can throw down any “Spider” card or any “Car” card.

The penalty cards are .” Skip” – the next player skips one turn; “Reverse” – the order of play reverses- “Draw Two” – the next player takes two from the pack unless he can put any “Draw Two” card down. In the latter case, the next player who can’t throw a “Draw Two” card has to pick up the total number of cards from the pack.

The “Wild” card can be played at any time and the thrower has to call out the new animal. The “Draw four” card means the next player has to draw four from the pack, unless he can play another draw four.

When a player throws down their penultimate card, they must shout “One” before the next player takes his turn. Failure to do so results in a penalty of two cards from the pack.

Children should read the text as they throw down each card.
The cat    The rabbit    The fish    The spider

Draw 2       Draw 2       Draw 2       Draw 2       Draw 4
The cat is by the car
The rabbit is by the car
The fish is by the car
The spider is by the car
Wild
The cat is on the box
The rabbit is on the box
The fish is on the box
The spider is on the box
The cat is behind the lamp
The cat is in the toilet
The rabbit is in the toilet
The fish is in the toilet
The spider is in the toilet
The rabbit is behind the lamp
The cat is under the chair.
The rabbit is under the chair.
The fish is under the chair.
The spider is under the chair.
The fish is behind the lamp.
The cat is in front of the TV.
The rabbit is in front of the TV.
The fish is in front of the TV.
The spider is in front of the TV.
The spider is behind the lamp.