

Basic Concepts

*The knowledge of **basic concepts** is essential in order to follow directions and understand instruction both at home and in school.* The basic concepts children need to acquire fall into three major categories. Below are some examples beginning with the least difficult to the most difficult.

- Spatial relationships (in, on, under, top, bottom, between, left, right)
- Time (soon, later, beginning, starting, before, after, yesterday, tomorrow)
- Quantity (more, all, many, most, some, few, less)

Examples of directions embedded with basic concepts:

- Stand **behind** the blue chair.
- Open **both** boxes.
- Find **another** ball.
- Find **all** the words that **begin** with the letter 's'.
- Put your name at the **top** of the page

As parents and educators, we cannot assume all children incidentally learn basic concepts. Many of our children need to be directly taught through daily activities.