



Where's the ball?  
The ball is **on** the floor  
**under** the table  
**beside** the door  
**at** the back  
**of** the room  
**in** the house  
**at** the beach.

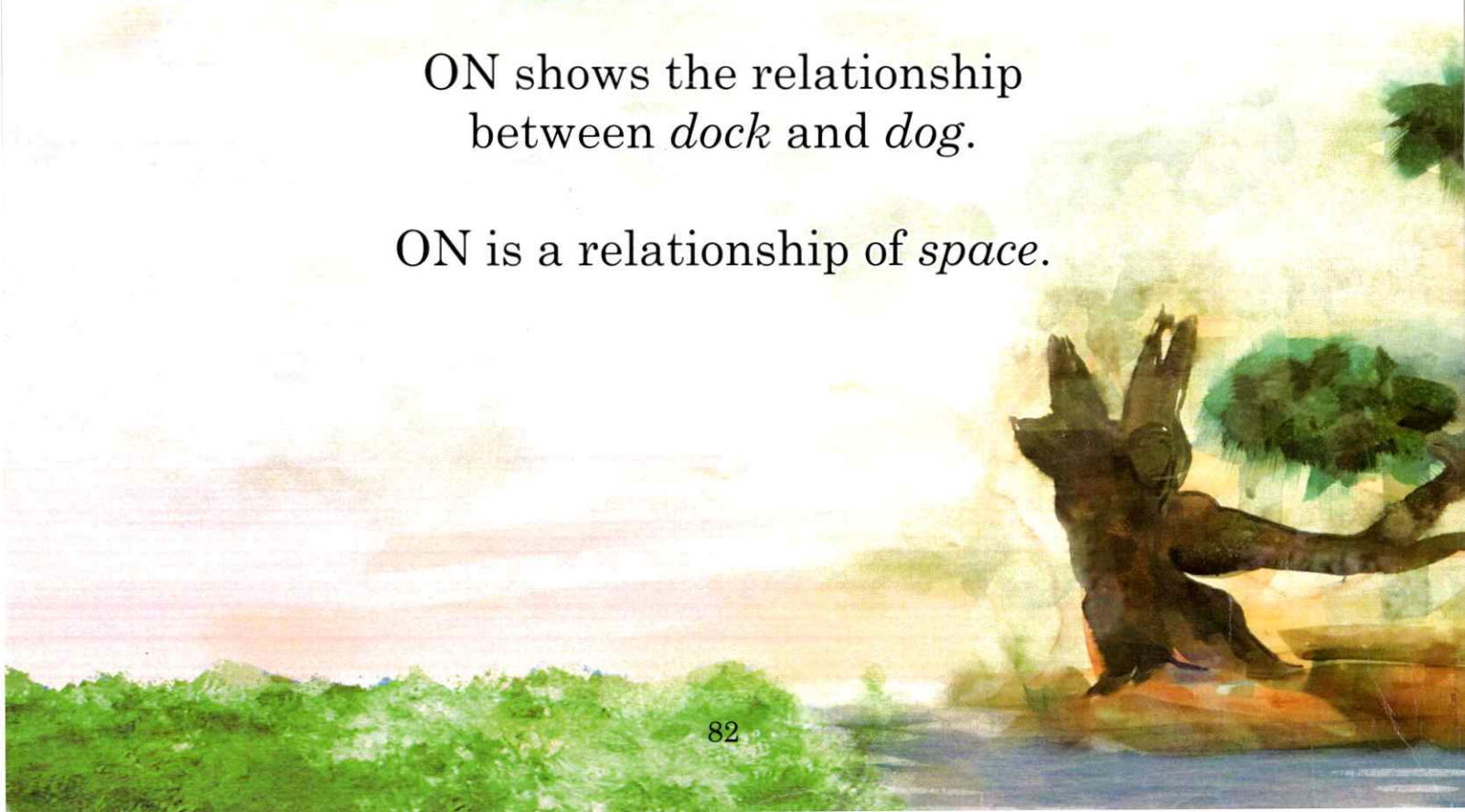
The preposition shows  
the **relationship** between a noun  
or pronoun and another word  
in the sentence, such as:

The **dog ON the dock** barked.

dog **on** dock

ON shows the relationship  
between *dock* and *dog*.

ON is a relationship of *space*.



Poodle pondered all this,  
and he did not dismiss it,  
so when Sidney streaked  
past a tree, Poodle squeaked,  
“IN the tree,” and suddenly  
Sidney was high on a branch!

“Cut that out!” cried the snail.  
“You think I’m a quail?”  
So Poodle undid the pre-command.  
Sidney returned to land.

When What? frolicked near  
a box at the rear, Poodle called,  
“IN the box!” and the poor beagle  
was trapped in the box,  
with “What-what-what-what-what-what?”  
coming out, with scratches and knocks  
until Poodle could shout,  
“ON the ground!” and out  
What? came, unamused, a bit bruised,  
with a frown like a fox.

