

PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

1 THEORY

Study the following information to help you understand how to use prepositions.

At - an exact place.

"At" tells us that the following noun is located at a specific point or location.

It shows an exact position.

- She's waiting at the entrance.
- He's sitting on his chair at his desk.
- I work at a bank.

In - an enclosed space.

"In" tells us the noun is in an enclosed space (surrounded or closed off on all sides).

Basically, when something is inside something.

- In a box.
- In a room.
- In a country.

On - a surface

"On" tells us that the following noun is located on a surface. Use "on" when one thing is attached to or touching something.

- On the table.
- On the floor.
- On the chair.



1. "At" a specific place. She is at the bus stop.



2. "**In**" an enclosed space. He is in the kitchen.



3. **"On"** a surface. The books are on the shelf.



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Task 1: Study each of the pictures below, then answer the questions.



1. (the living room)



2. (the box)



3. (the shelf)



4. (the bus stop)



5. (the field)



6. (the swimming pool)



7. (the balcony)



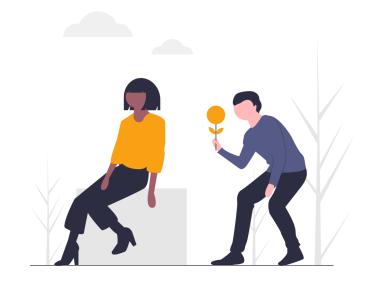
8. (the traffic lights)



9. (the wall)

Task 2: Answer the questions.

- 1. Where is the woman?
- 2. Where are the shoes?
- 3. Where are the books?
- 4. Where is the man?
- 5. Where are the cows?
- 6. Where are the people?
- 7. Where is the man standing?
- 8. Where is the car?
- 9. Where is the clock?





3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the questions, then choose the correct option (a-c).

- 1. Where is David?
 - a. He's on the kitchen.
 - b. He's at the kitchen.
 - c. He's in the kitchen.
- 2. Where is Katie?
 - a. She is at her desk.
 - b. She is on her desk.
 - c. She is in her desk.
- 3. The book is _____ the shelf.
 - a. in
 - b. at
 - c. on
- 4. I like to go for a swim ____ the sea.
 - a. in
 - b. at
 - c. on
- 5. He is waiting ____ the door for the postman.
 - a. on
 - b. at
 - c. in
- 6. Where is the spider?
 - a. It is at the wall.
 - b. It is on the wall.
 - c. It is in the wall.
- 7. Where are my clothes?
 - a. They are on the floor.
 - b. They are in the floor.
 - c. They are at the floor.
- 8. Where does Jack live?
 - a. He lives at London.
 - b. He lives in London.
 - c. He lives on London.





4 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Use the in / at / on to complete the following sentences.

- 1. There is a lot of trash _____ the bin.
- 2. I put a new painting _____ my bedroom wall.
- 3. The car is waiting _____ the traffic lights.
- 4. Can you see that man _____ the balcony?
- 5. My best friend lives _____ London.
- 6. I think there is somebody _____ the entrance.
- 7. Don't sit _____ the floor.
- 8. There is a park _____ the end of my street.
- 9. I have two mirrors _____ the wall in my bathroom
- 10. She is sitting _____ the wall outside her house.
- 11. I think that Manchester is the best city _____ England.
- 12. What do you have _____ your bag?





5 DIALOGUES

Complete the dialogues with the correct preposition of \underline{at} / \underline{in} / \underline{on} .

Billy:	Where is Johnny?	
Jen:	He is the library.	
Billy:	Which library? There are a few this town.	
Jen:	The library the end of this road.	
Billy:	Great. We're meeting the entrance of the library then we're going shopping.	
Jen:	Sounds great, have fun!	

Dialogue 2:

James:	What is that the ceiling?	
Kelly:	I think it is a spider!	
James:	Oh no! Let's catch it and put it a jar.	
Kelly:	Where is the jar?	
James:	There is a jar the kitchen	
Kelly:	Here it is! It was the shelf the cupboard.	

Dialogue 3:

lan:	Does Jane live Manchester?	
Sarah:	She lives the city centre with her parents.	
lan:	Does she live near the shopping centre?	
Sarah:	Yes, she lives the big apartment building near the shopping centre.	
lan:	That makes sense because I always see her the bus stop nearby.	
Sarah:	I would like to live that area, it is so nice!	



6 CORRECT THE MISTAKES

Some of the sentences below contain mistakes, can you find and correct them?

Be careful, not all sentences contain a mistake.

- 1. I am at my bedroom.
- 2. The book is at the table.
- 3. The cat is sitting in the sofa.
- 4. The party is on John's house.
- 5. The restaurant is at the city centre.
- 6. The painting is hanging in the wall.
- 7. The students are in the classroom.
- 8. The picture frame is at the shelf.
- 9. The ball is in the field.
- 10. I am waiting for you on the bus stop.
- 11. The computer is at the desk.
- 12. The conference is taking place at the convention centre.

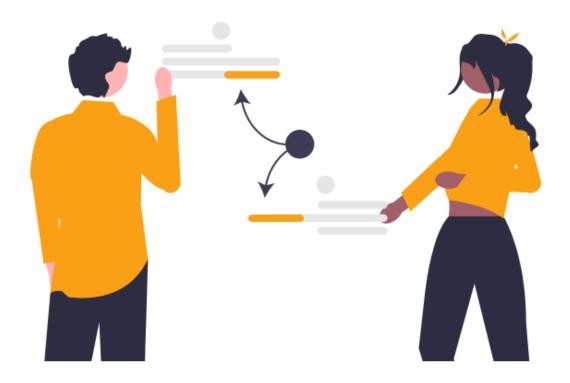




7 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below. Use the correct preposition of $\underline{at} / \underline{in} / \underline{on}$ in your answers.

- 1. Where are you right now?
- 2. What can you see on your desk?
- 3. What is your favourite place to go in your town or city? Why do you like it there?
- 4. Do you prefer to eat at home or at a restaurant? Why?
- 5. What can you see on the floor of the room you are in now?
- 6. What is the weather like in your city today? Is it sunny, rainy, or snowy?
- 7. Do you have a favourite park where you like to spend time in your city?
- 8. What is your favourite room in your house? Why do you like it there?
- 9. Have you ever been on a boat? Where did you go and what did you see?
- 10. Do you have any pictures or posters on the walls of your bedroom? What are they?
- 11. What time do you usually arrive at school or work?
- 12. What do you like and dislike about waiting for a bus at a bus stop?





HOMEWORK

1 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete the sentences using \underline{at} / \underline{in} / \underline{on} . Use the theory from exercise 1 as a guide.

1.	The keys are	_ the table.
2.	I'll meet you	the library.
3.	The cat is hiding	the closet.
4.	Please place the vase	the shelf.
5.	The book is	the bookshelf.
6.	We usually have lunch	the park.
7.	The painting hangs prou	dly the wall.
8.	I left my jacket	the car.
9.	The children are playing	the backyard.
10.	The TV remote is	the coffee table.
11.	The cookies are	the jar.
12.	.The cat is sleeping	the bed.
13.	. I'll meet you	the coffee shop on Main Street.
14.	. The picture frame is	the nightstand.
15.	. I found your keys	the couch.
16.	. He's waiting for you	the bus stop.
17.	.The map is	the wall.
18.	.The laptop is	_ the desk.
19.	. There's a stain	the carpet.

