

In/at/on (position) 1

A

In



in a room
in a building
in a box



in a garden
in a town/country
in the city centre



in a pool
in the sea
in a river

- ☐ There's no-one **in the room** / **in the building** / **in the garden**.
- ☐ What have you got **in your hand** / **in your mouth**?
- ☐ When we were **in Italy**, we spent a few days **in Venice**.
- ☐ I have a friend who lives **in a small village in the mountains**.
- ☐ There were some people swimming **in the pool** / **in the sea** / **in the river**.

B

At



at the bus stop



at the door



at the roundabout

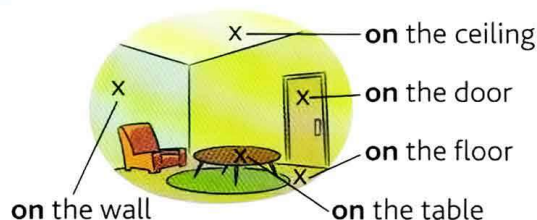


at reception

- ☐ Who is that man standing **at the bus stop** / **at the door** / **at the window**?
- ☐ Turn left **at the traffic lights** / **at the church** / **at the roundabout** / **at the junction**.
- ☐ We have to get off the bus **at the next stop**.
- ☐ When you leave the hotel, please leave your key **at reception**. (= at the reception desk)

C

On



on the wall

X

on the ceiling

X

on the door

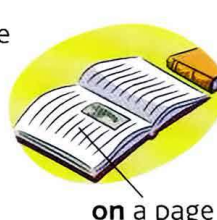
on the floor

X

on the table



on her nose



on a page



on an island

- ☐ I sat **on the floor** / **on the ground** / **on the grass** / **on the beach** / **on a chair**.
- ☐ There's a dirty mark **on the wall** / **on the ceiling** / **on your nose** / **on your shirt**.
- ☐ Have you seen the notice **on the notice board** / **on the door**?
- ☐ You'll find details of TV programmes **on page seven** (of the newspaper).
- ☐ The hotel is **on a small island** in the middle of a lake.

D

Compare **in** and **at**:

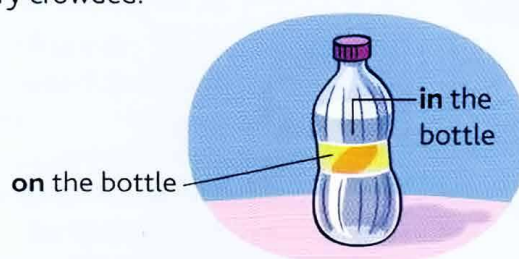
- ☐ There were a lot of people **in the shop**. It was very crowded.
Go along this road, then turn left **at the shop**.
- ☐ I'll meet you **in the hotel lobby**.
I'll meet you **at the entrance to the hotel**.

Compare **in** and **on**:

- ☐ There is some water **in the bottle**.
There is a label **on the bottle**.

Compare **at** and **on**:

- ☐ There is somebody **at the door**. Shall I go and see who it is?
There is a notice **on the door**. It says 'Do not disturb'.



123.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- Where's the label? On the bottle.
- Where's the fly?
- Where is the car waiting?
- a Where's the notice?
- b Where's the key?
- Where are the shelves?
- Where's the Eiffel Tower?
- a Where's the man standing?
- b Where's the bird?
- Where are the children playing?

123.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the window	your coffee	the mountains	that tree
my guitar	the river	the island	the next petrol station

- Look at those people swimming in the river.
- One of the strings is broken.
- There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop
- Would you like sugar ?
- The leaves are a beautiful colour.
- Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday
- There's nobody living It's uninhabited.
- He spends most of the day sitting and looking outside.

123.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- There was a long queue of people at the bus stop.
- Nicola was wearing a silver ring her little finger.
- There was an accident the crossroads this morning.
- I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name the door.
- There are some beautiful trees the park.
- You'll find the sports results the back page of the newspaper.
- I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting a computer.
- My brother lives a small village the south-west of England.
- The man the police are looking for has a scar his right cheek.
- The headquarters of the company are Milan.
- I like that picture hanging the wall the kitchen.
- If you come here by bus, get off the stop after the traffic lights.