

A or in?

19 Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether to use **a** or **in**, so we list below common expressions using these two prepositions:

a casa	(at) home
a scuola	at/to school
a letto	in/to bed
a lezione	in class/to (one's) class
a tavola	to the table [i.e. come and sit down]/at table
a destra/a sinistra	(on/to the) right/left
a nord/a sud/a est/a ovest	(in/to the) north/south/east/west
a colazione/a pranzo/a cena	at/for breakfast/lunch/dinner, supper or tea
a mezzogiorno/a mezzanotte	at midday/midnight
a 10/11/12 [etc.] anni	at ten/eleven/twelve [etc.] (years of age)
a metà	in the middle/mid-
all'ombra/al sole	in the shade/in the sun
al bar	in the bar
al ristorante	at/to the restaurant
alla stazione	at/in/to the station
in pizzeria	in/to/at a/the pizzeria/pizza parlour
in discoteca	in/to the disco
in città	in/to town
in centro	in/to the city centre
in chiesa	in/to church
in mensa	in/to the canteen
in camera	in/to the bedroom
in bagno	in/to the bathroom
in classe	in/to the classroom
in palestra	in/to the gym
in caserma	in/to the barracks
in prigione	in/to prison
in ufficio	in/to the office
in piscina	at/to the swimming bath