Using ls like cd

ls /	This will list the files in your root directory
ls ~	This will list the files in your home directory
ls	This will list the files of your parent directory
ls /home/user/Desktop	Here we are using the absolute pathname to list the files that are present on user's Desktop. Put your username instead of user to see the files that are present on your desktop
ls ~/Desktop	Here we are using the relative pathname to list the files that are present on your Desktop.