

Prepositions of Place

Activity Type

Reading, writing and speaking activity

Language Focus

Prepositions of place
Preferences and habits

Aim

To use the topic of preferences and habits to practice the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this insightful worksheet activity, students use the topic of preferences and habits to practice the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin by completing the gaps in the sentences about preferences and habits with the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

When the students have finished, check the answers with the class.

Answer key

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. in | 6. in, on, in, on |
| 2. at | 7. in |
| 3. in | 8. in, in |
| 4. on, at, in | 9. at, in |
| 5. at, on | 10. in, on |

Afterwards, students complete the grammar rules associated with the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

Answer key

at
on
in
on
at
in

Students then tick the statements in Exercise A that are true for them and write three more sentences about their preferences and habits using prepositions of place.

Next, divide the students into groups of four.

In their groups, the students find out which preferences and habits they have in common and then give feedback to the class.

A. Complete the gaps in the statements about preferences and habits with the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

1. I enjoy going for walks _____ the countryside.
2. When I fly, I like to arrive _____ the airport before check-in time.
3. I like listening to music _____ the car.
4. I live _____ the 8th floor _____ 25 Cambridge Road _____ Bristol.
5. When I'm _____ home, I like to sit _____ the sofa and read a book.
6. I prefer being _____ a cinema, watching a film _____ a big screen, to being _____ my living room, watching a film _____ television.
7. I always keep some extra money _____ my wallet in case of emergencies
8. I prefer living _____ a city to living _____ a town.
9. I prefer a job where I don't spend all my time sitting _____ a desk _____ an office.
10. I'd like to go to Singapore _____ Southeast Asia. The country lies _____ the equator.

B. Complete the rules for the prepositions of place: in, on, at.

- We use _____ with buildings, e.g. a house, the bank.
- _____ with lines, e.g. the coast, the path.
- _____ with enclosed spaces, e.g. a room, a building.
- _____ with surfaces, e.g. the floor, the wall.
- _____ with a point, e.g. the bus stop, the entrance.
- _____ with limited areas, e.g. the park, Spain.

C. Tick the statements in Exercise A that are true for you. Then, write three more sentences about your preferences and habits using prepositions of place.

D. In groups of four, find out which preferences and habits you have in common.