Prepositions of place (1)



1 Main uses

at		There's someone at the door. She's at her desk by 9.00 every day. Write your name at the top	below		Adrian is standing below the clock. The coats are in the cupboard below the stairs.
		of the paper. There are some books in the cupboard. There was no one in the house.	under		The rubbish bin is under the desk. I keep my old school books
in			next to		under the bed. The cupboard is
on		The computer is on the desk. The poster is on the wall.	by beside		next to/by/beside the desk. He lives in the house next to/by/beside the school.
above		There's a poster on the wall above the desk. He lives in the flat above the shop.	near	•	Adrian is standing near the door. She works at the shop near the station.

2 Other uses

We use at with

- home and places of study/work: *at home, at school, at university, at work, at the office*
- other places in a town: *at* the doctor's, *at* the cinema, *at* the station

We use in with

• towns and countries: *in Milan, in Italy, in Europe*



Practice

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 0 There were some really good bands -
- 1 Your coats and scarves are
- 2 Who painted that lovely picture
- 3 Can you put your old papers in the bin
- 4 You'll find the tickets
- 5 At the moment Meral is living
- 6 Louisa met her husband

- A on the desk in my office.
- B on the bedroom wall?
- C in the cupboard by the front door.
- D at her best friend's wedding.
 - E under the sink?
- > F at the festival last year.
 - G in Izmir, but she comes from Ankara.

GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the correct phrases from the box. 2.38 Listen and check.

beside the park in the office block in the park near the festival near the station next to our house

- A How are you getting to the festival on Saturday?
- B I'm going by train. We live quite (0) <u>near the station</u> it's only about a fifteen-minute walk.
- A That's too far with luggage!
- B No, I'll take a taxi to the station. The taxi office is (1) next door.
- A That'll be expensive. Why don't you drive here and we can go by bus? The bus stops (2), just outside really.
- B Does it stop (3), then?
- A Quite near, it's only about a five-minute walk.
- A Why don't we just drive? There's parking for the festival (5)
- B That's true! Let's do that.

GRAMMAR IN USE Look at the picture. Complete the text with prepositions. 2.39 Listen and check.



Hi Melissa!

About Saturday – let's meet at the station. You can't miss it – there's a huge clock (0)on the wall at the front and there's a car park (1) the station. I'll meet you at the taxi stop (2) the station – it's just outside. There are some nice shops (3) the station and we can have lunch at the café (4) the department store. The cinema is right (5) the store, so we can go straight there after lunch. Maggie can't meet us for lunch so she'll just meet us (6) the cinema at 2.30. See you then! Jackie

Prepositions of place (2)



1 in front of, behind, opposite, between



▲ X The snack bar is opposite to the ticket office.
✓ The snack bar is opposite the ticket office.

2 Describing a picture

We use prepositions to describe where things are in a picture. Read this description of the picture at the top of the page.

The picture shows the entrance to a festival.

At the front we can see the ticket office. Three people are waiting for tickets. *There's a festival stage at the back.*

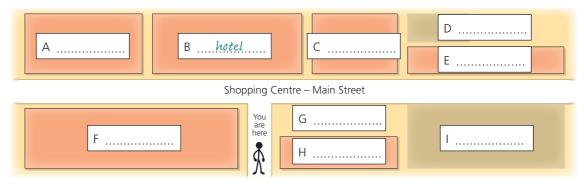
The ticket office is on the left of the picture and the snacks are on the right. In the centre there's a group of people.

At the top we can see the sky and at the bottom we can see some children.

Practice

1 Look at the plan below. Then choose the correct words in *italics*. **1** Listen and check.

- 0 A is on the *right* /(left) of B.
- 1 C is opposite / between B and E.
- 2 D is *in front of / behind* E.
- 3 F is *opposite / between* A and B.
- 4 G is between / in front of H.
- 5 G is opposite / in front of C.
- 6 I is on the *right / left* of H.
- 7 E is behind / opposite I.
- 8 C is on the *right / left* of E.



2 GRAMMAR IN USE Now read the text. Write the correct places in the plan.

The biggest building in the shopping centre is the department store. It's opposite the supermarket and a small hotel. The hotel is on the right of the supermarket. On the right of the hotel is a cinema, and opposite that is the café, which has a lot of tables and chairs in front of it. The café is on the left of the bus station, which is opposite the sports centre. That has a small area behind it with a tennis court.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Look at the photo. Complete the text with the correct words from the box. 12.41 Listen and check.

back front left right top



4 Now look at a picture in the room you are in, or find a picture from this book. Write three sentences with prepositions to describe it.

At the front I can see	
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •