

20 Prepositions: place

A at, in, on

at

a place where something happens

Let's meet **at** the bank / **at** the bus stop.
I saw him **at** the match / **at** the party / **at** home
at work / **at** school.



in

something with walls or sides

in a box / **in** a cupboard
in a room / **in** an office / **in** a flat
in a garden / **in** a park



a big area

in a village / **in** a town / **in** a city
in the countryside
in London/Spain/Asia/the world



on

something long

on the road / **on** the coast
on a river



something flat

on the table / **on** the wall
on the first floor



in OR on

He's **in** the river.
She's **on** the river.



1 Underline the correct preposition.

► I live in / on Canada.

1 She's not in / on her office.

2 The photos are in / on the wall.

3 We met in / at a golf match.

4 We stayed in / on a lovely village.

5 He's swimming in / on the pool.

6 Barcelona is in / on the coast.

7 We live at / in the countryside.

8 There is a white line at / on the road.

9 Dinner is on / at the table.

10 They're sitting in / at the garden.

11 The books are on / in the table.

12 I saw her in / at the bus stop.

13 The number is in / on the door.

14 I spoke to her in / at the party.

2 Complete the questions with at, in or on.

► Which country do you live in ?

1 Do you live _____ a village, a town or a city?

2 Do you live _____ a flat or a house?

3 Is your town _____ a river?

4 Which floor is your bedroom _____ ?

5 What's _____ the walls in your living room?

6 Do you like walking _____ the countryside?

7 Do you ever meet new people _____ parties?

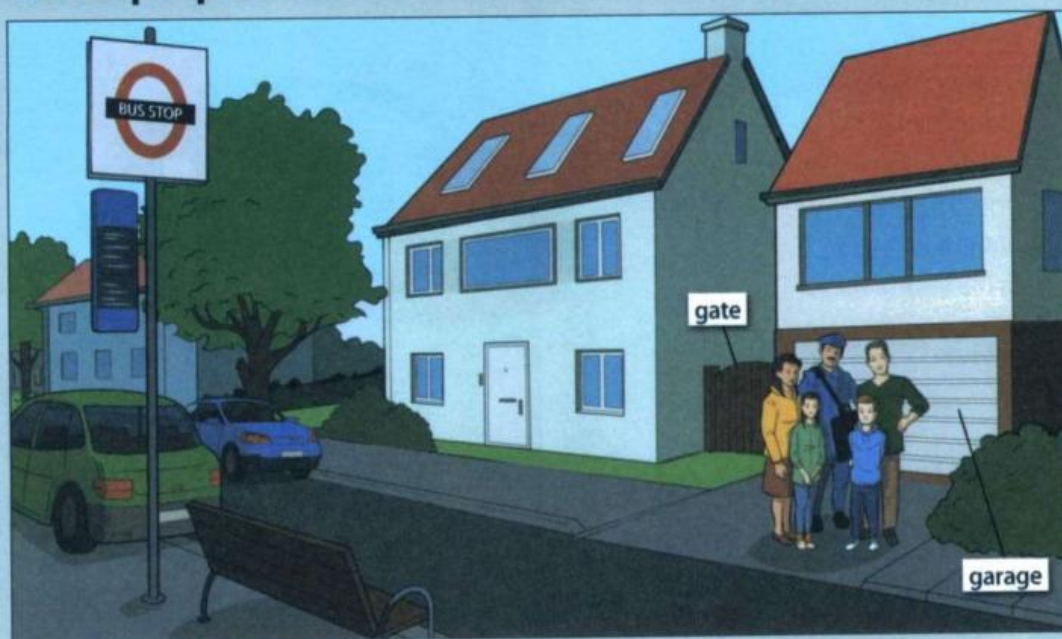
8 Did you learn English _____ school, _____ work,
or _____ an English-speaking country?

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 2, or ask another student.



TEST YOURSELF

B Other prepositions



The people are **in front of** the garage.
The postman is **between** Mum and Dad.
The adults are **behind** the children.
The tree is **near** the house.

The office is **above** the garage.
The garage is **below** the office.
The seat is **next to** the bus stop.
The bus stop is **opposite** the house.

4 True or false? Write T or F.

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| ▶ The tree is opposite the house. <u>F</u> | |
| 1 The blue car is near the house. | 6 The gate is between the house and the tree. |
| 2 The big window is above the door. | 7 The children are behind Mum and Dad. |
| 3 The seat is opposite the garage. | 8 The girl is in front of the postman. |
| 4 The people are opposite the garage. | 9 The front door is below the big window. |
| 5 The postman is next to Mum. | 10 The green car is next to the bus stop. |

5 Complete the sentences.

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| ▶ The tree's <u>behind</u> the blue car. | |
| 1 The bus stop is the seat. | 5 The blue car is the house. |
| 2 The blue car is the tree. | 6 The people are the garage. |
| 3 The boy is standing Dad. | 7 The postman is Dad. |
| 4 The gate is the house and the garage. | 8 The garage is the people. |

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- What's opposite the building where you live?
- What's behind your building?
- What's next to your building?
- Are there any shops near it?
- What's above your living room?
- What's below your bedroom?
- What's next to your bedroom?
- Is there anything between your building and the street? If so, what?

