

In/at/on (position) 1

A

In



in a room
in a building
in a box



in a garden
in a town/country
in the city centre



in a pool
in the sea
in a river

- ☐ There's no-one **in the room** / **in the building** / **in the garden**.
- ☐ What have you got **in your hand** / **in your mouth**?
- ☐ When we were **in Italy**, we spent a few days **in Venice**.
- ☐ I have a friend who lives **in a small village in the mountains**.
- ☐ There were some people swimming **in the pool** / **in the sea** / **in the river**.

B

At



at the bus stop



at the door



at the roundabout



at reception

- ☐ Who is that man standing **at the bus stop** / **at the door** / **at the window**?
- ☐ Turn left **at the traffic lights** / **at the church** / **at the roundabout** / **at the junction**.
- ☐ We have to get off the bus **at the next stop**.
- ☐ When you leave the hotel, please leave your key **at reception**. (= at the reception desk)

C

On



on the wall

on the ceiling
on the door
on the floor
on the table



on her nose



on a page



on an island

- ☐ I sat **on the floor** / **on the ground** / **on the grass** / **on the beach** / **on a chair**.
- ☐ There's a dirty mark **on the wall** / **on the ceiling** / **on your nose** / **on your shirt**.
- ☐ Have you seen the notice **on the notice board** / **on the door**?
- ☐ You'll find details of TV programmes **on page seven** (of the newspaper).
- ☐ The hotel is **on a small island** in the middle of a lake.

D

Compare **in** and **at**:

- ☐ There were a lot of people **in the shop**. It was very crowded.
Go along this road, then turn left **at the shop**.
- ☐ I'll meet you **in the hotel lobby**.
I'll meet you **at the entrance to the hotel**.

Compare **in** and **on**:

- ☐ There is some water **in the bottle**.
There is a label **on the bottle**.

on the bottle



in the bottle

Compare **at** and **on**:

- ☐ There is somebody **at the door**. Shall I go and see who it is?
There is a notice **on the door**. It says 'Do not disturb'.

123.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- 1 Where's the label? On the bottle.
- 2 Where's the fly? On the bottle.
- 3 Where is the car waiting? At the traffic lights.
- 4 a Where's the notice? On the door.
- b Where's the key? On the door.
- 5 Where are the shelves? On the wall.
- 6 Where's the Eiffel Tower? In Paris.
- 7 a Where's the man standing? At the gate.
- b Where's the bird? On the gate.
- 8 Where are the children playing? On the beach.

123.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the window	your coffee	the mountains	that tree
my guitar	the river	the island	the next petrol station

- 1 Look at those people swimming in the river.
- 2 One of the strings on my guitar is broken.
- 3 There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop at the next petrol station.
- 4 Would you like sugar in your coffee?
- 5 The leaves on the trees are a beautiful colour.
- 6 Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday in the mountains.
- 7 There's nobody living on the island. It's uninhabited.
- 8 He spends most of the day sitting at the window and looking outside.

123.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- 1 There was a long queue of people at the bus stop.
- 2 Nicola was wearing a silver ring on her little finger.
- 3 There was an accident at the crossroads this morning.
- 4 I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name on the door.
- 5 There are some beautiful trees in the park.
- 6 You'll find the sports results on the back page of the newspaper.
- 7 I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting at a computer.
- 8 My brother lives in a small village in the south-west of England.
- 9 The man the police are looking for has a scar on his right cheek.
- 10 The headquarters of the company are in Milan.
- 11 I like that picture hanging on the wall in the kitchen.
- 12 If you come here by bus, get off at the stop after the traffic lights.