

AVIATION PREPOSITIONS



IN

in the hanger
in the manual
in the seat pocket
in the sky
in the airplane
in the cockpit
in the cabin
in the departure lounge
in London / Paris / SP
in England / Brazil
in the engine

ON

on the runway
on the taxiway
on the apron
on the radio
on the dashboard
on the radar
on the screen
on the fuselage
on the wing
on the window
on the windshield
on the baggage cart
on the catering truck
on the steps
on the escape slides

AT

at the gate
at the terminal
at the entrance
at the airport
at the baggage reclaim
at the check-in desk

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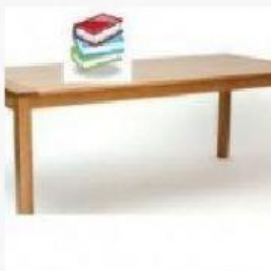
_____ the hangar
_____ the Windows
_____ the baggage cart
_____ the Entrance
_____ California
_____ the check in desk
_____ the sky
_____ the fuselage
_____ the airport
_____ the radar
_____ Los Angeles

Exercise #1: Read about Prepositions of Place and then proceed to *Exercise #2*

A preposition links nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence. The word or phrase that the preposition introduces is called the object of the preposition.

Even for the most advanced students, prepositions can *always* use more practice. Many verbs are (usually) followed by certain prepositions. Some even entirely change the meaning of a verb by turning it into a phrasal verb. Learners just have to memorize most prepositions, especially those that follow certain verbs (and even more so for those that create phrasal verbs). Some prepositions can be used interchangeably depending on the situation. This just adds more confusion for people learning English.

The good news is that prepositions of place, perhaps, are among the most consistent (that is, they have fewer exceptions). Prepositions of place are almost logical, if you can understand the preposition on its own.



THE BOOK IS ON THE TABLE

In general, we use:

at for a POINT

in for an ENCLOSED SPACE

on for a SURFACE

at	in	on
POINT	ENCLOSED SPACE	SURFACE
at the corner	in the garden	on the wall
at the bus stop	in London	on the ceiling
at the door	in France	on the door
at the top of the page	in a box	on the cover
at the end of the road	in my pocket	on the floor
at the entrance	in my wallet	on the carpet

at the intersection	in a building	on the menu
at the front desk	in a car	on a page

Look at these examples:

Jane is waiting for you **at** the boarding gate.

The shop is **at** the end of the concourse.

The plane stopped **at** Dubai and Hanoi and arrived **in** Bangkok two hours late.

When will you arrive **at** the dispatcher's office?

Do you work **in** the headquarters' building?

I have a meeting **in** New York.

Do you live **in** Paris?

The jet is **in** the hangar.

The aircraft model is **on** the cover of the flight manual.

There are no prices **on** this menu.

You are standing **on** my foot.

There is a "no smoking" sign **on** the airplane's wall.

I live **on** the 7th floor **at** 21 Oxford Street **in** London.

When describing the location of someone or something inside of a vehicle, the use of the prepositions **in**, **on** depends on the kind of vehicle being discussed.

1. All vehicles that do not allow someone to walk easily around inside normally use the preposition **in**.

For example: *She was **in** the car when she called me.*

2. All vehicles that do allow someone to walk easily around inside normally use the preposition **on**.

For example: We were **on** the plane when the fire started.

***Exceptions: Although you are not able to walk around inside of them, when riding a bicycle, motorcycle or any animal the preposition **on** must be used.

For example: *I rode **on** a horse yesterday. She rode **on** her bicycle. etc...*

Look at these examples:



in a car

on a bus
in a taxi
on a train
in a helicopter
on a plane
in a boat
on a ship
in a lift (elevator)
on a bicycle
on a motorbike
on a horse,
on an elephant

Exercise #2: Practice with aviation phrases

1. ____ the terminal
2. ____ the airplane
3. ____ the gate
4. ____ the cockpit
5. ____ the jetway
6. ____ the baggage cart
7. ____ the baggage claim area
8. ____ the reservations desk
9. ____ the flight status screen
10. ____ the engine

Exercise #3: Complete the following quiz using the correct preposition for each sentence.

Place Prepositions Quiz

Determine which of the following prepositions goes with each sentence:

1. I am ____ work.
2. We are sitting ____ the park. It is a nice day.
3. My car is parked ____ the parking lot.
4. Our house is ____ the end of the street.
5. My office is ____ the 6th floor.
6. The books are ____ the bag.

7. The planes are ____ the apron.
8. There are a lot of pilots ____ the airport.
9. I called their house, but nobody is ____ home.
10. There is a beautiful painting of a plane ____ the wall.
11. The cup fell ____ the floor. I have to pick it up.
12. Come sit ____ the table. It is time to have breakfast before we fly.
13. There is a lot of food ____ the refrigerator
14. The sweetener is ____ the top shelf in the galley.
15. The laptop is ____ the table.
16. The Learjet is ____ the hangar.
17. Is the registration ____ the tail?
18. Are your children ____ the 2nd grade?
19. Do your children stay ____ their grandmother's house when you fly?
20. Is someone going to answer ____ the door?