

# 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

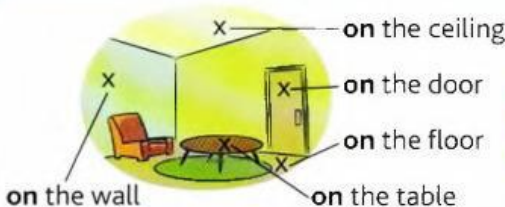


at reception

- ☐ 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



- ☐ 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.

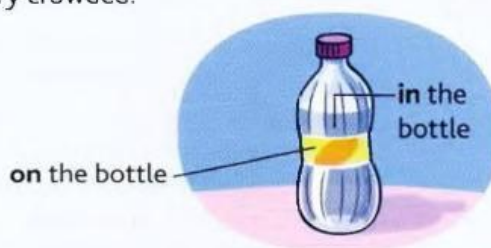
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Compare **in** and **at**:

- ☐ 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**.


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? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Where is the car waiting? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 a Where's the notice? \_\_\_\_\_  
b Where's the key? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Where are the shelves? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Where's the Eiffel Tower? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 a Where's the man standing? \_\_\_\_\_  
b Where's the bird? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Where are the children playing? \_\_\_\_\_

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

the window	your coffee	the mountains	that tree
my guitar	<del>the river</del>	the island	the next petrol station

- 1 Look at those people swimming in the river.
- 2 One of the strings \_\_\_\_\_ is broken.
- 3 There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Would you like sugar \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 The leaves \_\_\_\_\_ are a beautiful colour.
- 6 Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 There's nobody living \_\_\_\_\_. It's uninhabited.
- 8 He spends most of the day sitting \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ her little finger.
- 3 There was an accident \_\_\_\_\_ the crossroads this morning.
- 4 I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
- 5 There are some beautiful trees \_\_\_\_\_ the park.
- 6 You'll find the sports results \_\_\_\_\_ the back page of the newspaper.
- 7 I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting \_\_\_\_\_ a computer.
- 8 My brother lives \_\_\_\_\_ a small village \_\_\_\_\_ the south-west of England.
- 9 The man the police are looking for has a scar \_\_\_\_\_ his right cheek.
- 10 The headquarters of the company are \_\_\_\_\_ Milan.
- 11 I like that picture hanging \_\_\_\_\_ the wall \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen.
- 12 If you come here by bus, get off \_\_\_\_\_ the stop after the traffic lights.