

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

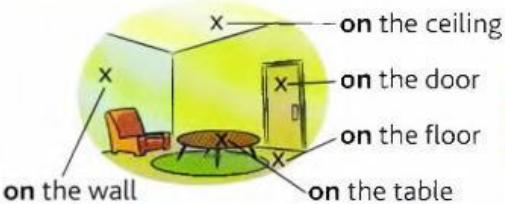


at reception

- 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 ceiling
on the door
on the floor
on the table
on the wall

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**.

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'.

Exercises

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	the river	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 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.