Unit 123

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



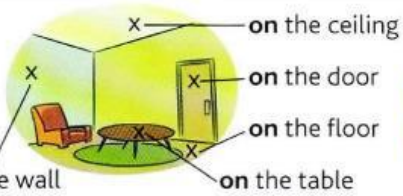
at the roundabout



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 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'.

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Exercises

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


(bottle)


(arm)


(traffic lights)



(door)


(wall)


(Paris)


(gate)


(beach)

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 ..... 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.

→ Additional exercise 34 (page 322)

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