

A

We say that somebody/something is:

in a line / in a row / in a queue	in bed
in the sky / in the world	in the country / in the countryside
in an office / in a department	in a picture / in a photo / in a photograph
in a book / in a paper (= newspaper) / in a magazine / in a letter	

- When I go to the cinema, I like to sit **in the front row**.
- James isn't up yet. He's still **in bed**.
- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud **in the sky**.
- I've just started working **in the sales department**.
- Who is the woman **in that photo**?
- Have you seen this picture **in today's paper**?



in a row

B

on the left / on the right **on the left-hand side / on the right-hand side**
on the ground floor / on the first floor / on the second floor etc.
on a map / on a menu / on a list
on a farm

- In Britain we drive **on the left**. or ... **on the left-hand side**.
- Our apartment is **on the second floor** of the building.
- Here's a shopping list. Don't buy anything that's not **on the list**.
- Have you ever worked **on a farm**?

We say that a place is **on a river / on a road / on the coast**:

- Budapest is **on the (river) Danube**.
- The town where you live – is it **on the coast** or inland?



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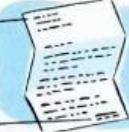
Also on the way:

- We stopped to buy some things in a shop **on the way** home.

C

at the top (of) / at the bottom (of) / at the end (of)

- Write your name **at the top of the page**.
- Jane's house is **at the other end of the street**.

at the top (of the page)**at the bottom (of the page)**

D

in the front / in the back of a car

- I was sitting **in the back** (of the car) when we crashed.

at the back**at the front / at the back** of a building / theatre / group of people etc.

- The garden is **at the back of the house**.
- Let's sit **at the front** (of the cinema).
- We were **at the back**, so we couldn't see very well.



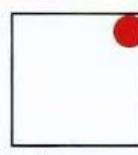
at the front

on the front / on the back of a letter / piece of paper etc.

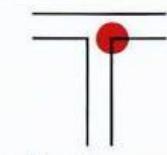
- I wrote the date **on the back of the photo**.

at the back**in the corner** of a room

- The TV is **in the corner** of the room.



in the corner



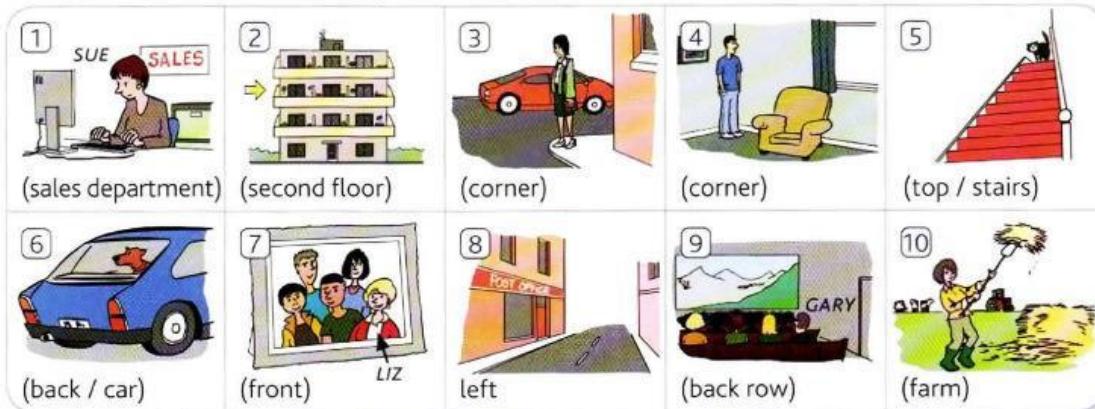
at/on the corner

at the corner or on the corner of a street

- There is a small shop **at/on the corner** of the street.

Exercises

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



1 Where does Sue work? *In the sales department.*

2 Sue lives in this building. Where's her flat exactly?

3 Where is the woman standing?

4 Where is the man standing?

5 Where's the cat?

6 Where's the dog?

7 Liz is in this group of people. Where is she?

8 Where's the post office?

9 Gary is at the cinema. Where is he sitting?

10 Where does Kate work?

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

the west coast
the front row

the world
the right

the back of the class
the back of this card

the sky
the way to work

1 It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud *in the sky*.

2 In most countries people drive *on the road*.

3 What is the tallest building *in the world*?

4 I usually buy a newspaper *in the newsagent's* in the morning.

5 San Francisco is *on the west coast* of the United States.

6 We went to the theatre last night. We had seats *in the auditorium*.

7 I couldn't hear the teacher. She spoke quietly and I was sitting *in the back*.

8 I don't have your address. Could you write it *on the envelope*?

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

1 Write your name *at* the top of the page.

2 Is your sister *in* this photograph? I don't recognise her.

3 I didn't feel very well when I woke up, so I stayed *in* bed.

4 We normally use the front entrance to the building, but there's another one *at* the back.

5 Is there anything interesting *in* the paper today?

6 There was a list of names, but my name wasn't *on* the list.

7 *At* the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.

8 I love to look up at the stars *in* the sky at night.

9 When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit *in* the front.

10 I live in a very small village. You probably won't find it *on* your map.

11 Joe works *in* the furniture department of a large store.

12 Paris is *on* the river Seine.

13 I don't like cities. I'd much prefer to live *in* the country.

14 My office is *on* the top floor. It's *on* the left as you come out of the lift.

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