Unit 124

In/at/on (position) 2

A

We say that somebody/something is:

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

- 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?



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**.



D

in the front / in the back of a car

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

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.

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



at the front

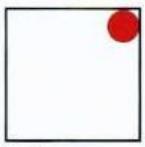
E

in the corner of a room

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

at the corner *or* **on the corner** of a street

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



in the corner



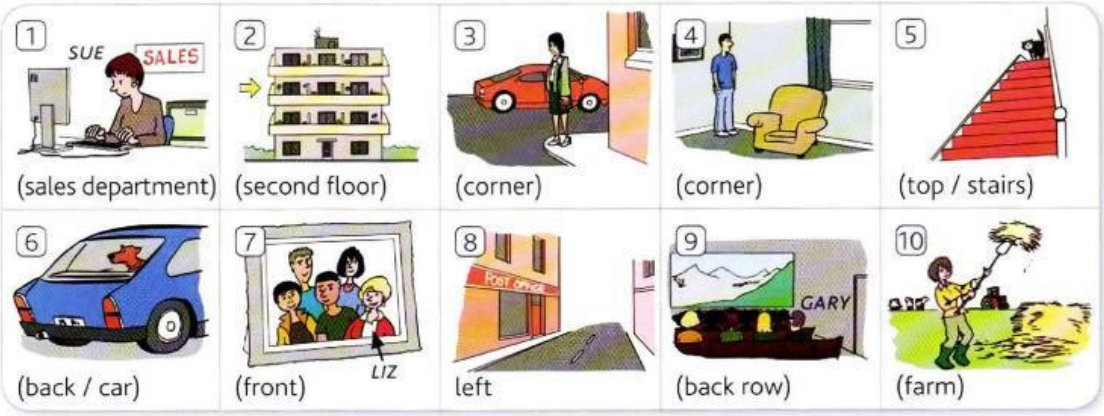
at/on the corner

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

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 world**	**the back of the class**	~~**the sky**~~
the front row	**the right**	**the back of this card**	**the way to work**

1 It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky .
2 In most countries people drive ..... .
3 What is the tallest building ..... ?
4 I usually buy a newspaper ..... in the morning.
5 San Francisco is ..... of the United States.
6 We went to the theatre last night. We had seats ..... .
7 I couldn't hear the teacher. She spoke quietly and I was sitting ..... .
8 I don't have your address. Could you write it ..... ?

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

1 Write your name at the top of the page.
2 Is your sister ..... this photograph? I don't recognise her.
3 I didn't feel very well when I woke up, so I stayed ..... bed.
4 We normally use the front entrance to the building, but there's another one ..... the back.
5 Is there anything interesting ..... the paper today?
6 There was a list of names, but my name wasn't ..... the list.
7 ..... the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.
8 I love to look up at the stars ..... the sky at night.
9 When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit ..... the front.
10 I live in a very small village. You probably won't find it ..... your map.
11 Joe works ..... the furniture department of a large store.
12 Paris is ..... the river Seine.
13 I don't like cities. I'd much prefer to live ..... the country.
14 My office is ..... the top floor. It's ..... the left as you come out of the lift.

→ Additional exercise 34 (page 322)

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