

# 18 Prepositions of place (1)



This is Adrian here. Just a minute, there's someone at the door.

## 1 Main uses

at		<p>There's someone <b>at</b> the door. She's <b>at</b> her desk by 9.00 every day. Write your name <b>at</b> the top of the paper.</p>	below		<p>Adrian is standing <b>below</b> the clock. The coats are <b>in</b> the cupboard <b>below</b> the stairs.</p>
in		<p>There are some books <b>in</b> the cupboard. There was no one <b>in</b> the house.</p>	under		<p>The rubbish bin is <b>under</b> the desk. I keep my old school books <b>under</b> the bed.</p>
on		<p>The computer is <b>on</b> the desk. The poster is <b>on</b> the wall.</p>	next to by beside		<p>The cupboard is <b>next to/by/beside</b> the desk. He lives <b>in</b> the house <b>next to/by/beside</b> the school.</p>
above		<p>There's a poster <b>on</b> the wall <b>above</b> the desk. He lives <b>in</b> the flat <b>above</b> the shop.</p>	near		<p>Adrian is standing <b>near</b> the door. She works <b>at</b> the shop <b>near</b> the station.</p>

## 2 Other uses

We use **at** with

- home and places of study/work:  
**at home**, **at school**, **at university**, **at work**, **at the office**
- other places in a town:  
**at the doctor's**, **at the cinema**, **at the station**

We use **in** with

- towns and countries:  
**in Milan**, **in Italy**, **in Europe**

 **X** *I live at Buenos Aires.* **✓** *I live in Buenos Aires.*

## Practice

### 1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 0 There were some really good bands
- 1 Your coats and scarves are
- 2 Who painted that lovely picture
- 3 Can you put your old papers in the bin
- 4 You'll find the tickets
- 5 At the moment Meral is living
- 6 Louisa met her husband

- A on the desk in my office.
- B on the bedroom wall?
- C in the cupboard by the front door.
- D at her best friend's wedding.
- E under the sink?
- F at the festival last year.
- G in Izmir, but she comes from Ankara.

### 2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with the correct phrases from the box.

beside the park in the office block in the park near the festival near the station next to our house

- A How are you getting to the festival on Saturday?
- B I'm going by train. We live quite (0) ... *near the station* ... – it's only about a fifteen-minute walk.
- A That's too far with luggage!
- B No, I'll take a taxi to the station. The taxi office is (1) ..... next door.
- A That'll be expensive. Why don't you drive here and we can go by bus? The bus stops (2) ..... just outside really.
- B Does it stop (3) ..... , then?
- A Quite near, it's only about a five-minute walk.
- B But the station is (4) ..... You can walk straight into the festival.
- A Why don't we just drive? There's parking for the festival (5) .....
- B That's true! Let's do that.

### 3 GRAMMAR IN USE Look at the picture. Complete the text with prepositions.



Hi Melissa!

About Saturday – let's meet at the station. You can't miss it – there's a huge clock (0) ..... on ..... the wall at the front and there's a car park (1) ..... the station. I'll meet you at the taxi stop (2) ..... the station – it's just outside. There are some nice shops (3) ..... the station and we can have lunch at the café (4) ..... the department store. The cinema is right (5) ..... the store, so we can go straight there after lunch. Maggie can't meet us for lunch so she'll just meet us (6) ..... the cinema at 2.30. See you then! Jackie