

18 Prepositions of place (1)



1 Main uses

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

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



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

Practice

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 0 There were some really good bands | A on the desk in my office. |
| 1 Your coats and scarves are | B on the bedroom wall? |
| 2 Who painted that lovely picture | C in the cupboard by the front door. |
| 3 Can you put your old papers in the bin | D at her best friend's wedding. |
| 4 You'll find the tickets | E under the sink? |
| 5 At the moment Meral is living | F at the festival last year. |
| 6 Louisa met her husband | 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