

19 Prepositions of place (2)



1 in front of, behind, opposite, between

in front of		Joanne is in front of Simon. Annie sits in front of me in the class.
behind		Simon is behind Joanne. There's a police car behind our car.
opposite		The snack bar is opposite the ticket office. My house is opposite the post office.
between		Simon is between Joanne and Mariella. That's me in the photo – between mum and dad.

- !
 x ~~The snack bar is opposite to the ticket office.~~
 ✓ The snack bar is **opposite** the ticket office.

2 Describing a picture

We use prepositions to describe where things are in a picture.
Read this description of the picture at the top of the page.

The picture shows the entrance to a festival.

At the front we can see the ticket office. Three people are waiting for tickets.

There's a festival stage **at the back**.

The ticket office is **on the left** of the picture and the snacks are **on the right**.

In the centre there's a group of people.

At the top we can see the sky and **at the bottom** we can see some children.

Practice

1 Look at the plan below. Then choose the correct words in *italics*

- 0 A is on the right / left of B.
- 1 C is *opposite* / *between* B and E.
- 2 D is *in front of* / *behind* E.
- 3 F is *opposite* / *between* A and B.
- 4 G is *between* / *in front of* H.
- 5 G is *opposite* / *in front of* C.
- 6 I is on the right / left of H.
- 7 E is *behind* / *opposite* I.
- 8 C is on the right / left of E.



2 GRAMMAR IN USE Now read the text. Write the correct places in the plan.

The biggest building in the shopping centre is the department store. It's opposite the supermarket and a small hotel. The hotel is on the right of the supermarket. On the right of the hotel is a cinema, and opposite that is the café, which has a lot of tables and chairs in front of it. The café is on the left of the bus station, which is opposite the sports centre. That has a small area behind it with a tennis court.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Look at the photo. Complete the text with the correct words from the box.

back front left right top

The picture shows a scene from Chinese New Year in London. At the (0) front we can see people holding models of a dragon and a bird. There are some old buildings and shops on the (1) and (2) of the picture. It is a nice day because we can see blue sky at the (3) Behind all the people, at the (4), there are more colourful things that are part of the festival.



4 Now look at a picture in the room you are in, or find a picture from this book. Write three sentences with prepositions to describe it.

At the front I can see

