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Language point

Study the sentences below.



1. You're in room 503, on the fifth floor.
2. The stairs are at the end of the corridor.

We use prepositions to explain where things are. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Use **at/in/on** to talk about rooms.
2. Use **at/in/on** to talk about floors and levels.
3. Use **at/in/on** to talk about a more specific location.

Notice these other phrases to talk about location:

- The stairs are **through these doors**.
- The pool is **upstairs/downstairs**.
- You can leave your laundry in the bag **outside your door/inside the wardrobe**.



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Practice

Nicky's co-worker, Max, is checking into the hotel too. Choose the best word from the box to complete the dialogue.

at downstairs hot drinks in laundry
on outside through Wi-Fi

Staff: Right, this is your key and you're _____¹ Room 313.

Max: Great, thanks. I've got an important meeting tomorrow, and I need to do some work. What's the _____² password?

Staff: All the information about Internet and business services is on the shelf in the room, next to the TV.

Max: Right, fine. And where can I get a coffee?

Staff: There are _____³ available here at Reception, _____⁴ those doors. Or you can get a coffee and something to eat _____⁵ the restaurant.

Max: Where's that?

Staff: It's _____⁶ the second floor.

Max: OK. The hotel has a _____⁷ facility, right? I need to look good for my presentation tomorrow.

Staff: That's right. Just leave your dirty clothes _____⁸ your room, in the corridor.

Max: Just one more thing. Where's the gym?

Staff: The gym is _____⁹. It's open until 10:00. Enjoy your stay!

Max: Thanks very much.



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Speaking

Work in A/B pairs. A is checking in to the Hotel Sol, B is staff. Look at the plan and make a dialogue.

A. Find out your room number and floor. Ask about three facilities.

B. Tell A about his/her room number and floor. Answer A's questions about three facilities.

Hotel Sol Floor Plan	
4th floor	bar, restaurant
3rd floor	rooms 21-40
2nd floor	rooms 1-20
1st floor	reception, coffee shop
0	gym, pool
other facilities	free Wi-Fi, laundry service, elevator

Then change roles and make a new dialogue with different information.

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Extra practice/homework

Max and Nicky are talking on the phone at the hotel. They want to meet. Put their dialogue in order.

M: Hi Nicky! That would be great. Where can we meet? 2

M: I really need a coffee before we start work. ____

M: I think there's a restaurant downstairs on the second floor. ____

M: Perfect, I'll be at the restaurant in ten minutes. ____

N: Hi Max! It's Nicky. Are you ready to meet up to talk about your presentation? 1

N: See you then! ____

N: We can get a hot drink at Reception. But it's not a good place to work. ____

N: Well, we can meet here. I'm in Room 503. ____

N: Yes, there is. You go through the doors next to the pool. ____



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Extension

Did you know? If you're traveling in the UK or the US, you will see some differences in the names of floors:

UK		US
second floor		third floor
first floor		second floor
ground floor	street level: where you enter the building	first floor
basement		basement

These words are used for hotels, public buildings, office buildings, apartment buildings and houses. The building in the diagram has 4 floors, or stories. It is a four-story building.

1. Which system do you use in your country?
2. Think about the building where you live. How many stories does it have?
3. What floor do you live on?
4. What's the best floor to live on?
5. Think about the building where you work or study. How many stories does it have?
6. What floor do you study/work on?
7. What's the best floor to work on?