

Mastering Your Space:

A Guide to 'In', 'On', and 'Next To'

'In' for Enclosed Spaces



Use it for things inside boxes, rooms, or large areas like cities and countries.

The book is **in** the bag.

'On' for Surfaces



Use it for objects touching a table, floor, wall, or street.

The laptop is **on** the desk.

'Next to' for Being Beside



Use it when something is immediately beside or touching another object.

The school is **next to** the park.

Pro Tips & Common Mistakes



Position vs. Movement

Use 'in' to show where someone is, but 'into' to show movement.



The Transportation Rule

Use 'on' for large vehicles (bus/train) and 'in' for small ones (car).



Surface Errors

Always say 'on the table'—never use 'at' or 'in' for surfaces.