

In/at/on (position) 1

A

In



in a room
in a building
in a box



in a garden
in a town/country
in the city centre



in a pool
in the sea
in a river

- There's no-one **in the room** / **in the building** / **in the garden**.
- What have you got **in your hand** / **in your mouth**?
- When we were **in Italy**, we spent a few days **in Venice**.
- I have a friend who lives **in a small village in the mountains**.
- There were some people swimming **in the pool** / **in the sea** / **in the river**.

B

At



at the bus stop
at the door
at the window



at the roundabout

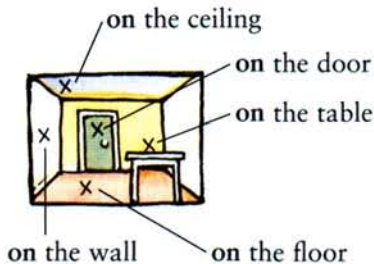


at reception

- Do you know that man standing **at the door** / **at the window**?
- Turn left **at the traffic lights** / **at the church** / **at the roundabout**.
- We have to get off the bus **at the next stop**.
- When you leave the hotel, please leave your key **at reception**. (= at the reception desk)

C

On



on the ceiling
on the door
on the table
on the wall
on the floor



on her nose



on a page



on an island

- I sat **on the floor** / **on the ground** / **on the grass** / **on the beach** / **on a chair**.
- There's a dirty mark **on the wall** / **on the ceiling** / **on your nose** / **on your shirt**.
- Have you seen the notice **on the notice board** / **on the door**?
- You'll find details of TV programmes **on page seven** (of the newspaper).
- The hotel is **on a small island** in the middle of the lake.

D

Compare **in** and **at**:

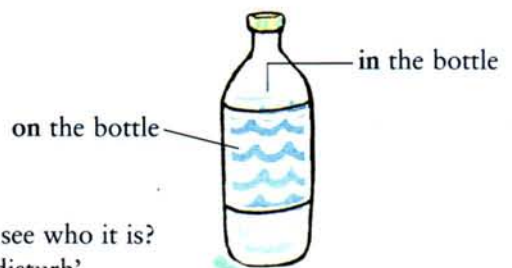
- There were a lot of people **in the shop**. It was very crowded.
Go along this road, then turn left **at the shop**.
- I'll meet you **in the hotel lobby**.
I'll meet you **at the entrance to the hotel**.

Compare **in** and **on**:









- There is some water **in the bottle**.
There is a label **on the bottle**.

Compare **at** and **on**:

- There is somebody **at the door**. Shall I go and see who it is?
There is a notice **on the door**. It says 'Do not disturb'.



123.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.

<p>1</p>  <p>(bottle)</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>(arm)</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>(traffic lights)</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>(door)</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>(wall)</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>(Paris)</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>(gate)</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>(beach)</p>

- Where's the label? On the bottle.
- Where's the fly?
- Where is the car waiting?
- a Where's the notice?
- b Where's the key?
- Where are the shelves?
- Where's the Eiffel Tower?
- a Where's the man standing?
- b Where's the bird?
- Where are the children playing?

123.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the window	your coffee	the mountains	that tree
my guitar	the river	the island	the next garage

- Look at those people swimming in the river.
- One of the strings is broken.
- There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop
- Would you like sugar ?
- The leaves are a beautiful colour.
- Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday
- There's nobody living It's uninhabited.
- He spends most of the day sitting and looking outside.

123.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- There was a long queue of people at the bus stop.
- Nicola was wearing a silver ring her little finger.
- There was an accident the crossroads this morning.
- I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name the door.
- There are some beautiful trees the park.
- You'll find the sports results the back page of the newspaper.
- I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting a desk.
- My brother lives a small village the south-west of England.
- The man the police are looking for has a scar his right cheek.
- The headquarters of the company are Milan.
- I like that picture hanging the wall the kitchen.
- If you come here by bus, get off the stop after the traffic lights.

In/at/on (position) 2

A

We say that somebody/something is:

in a line / in a row / in a queue	in bed
in the sky / in the world	in the country / in the countryside
in an office / in a department	in a photograph / in a picture
in a book / in a (news)paper / in a magazine / in a letter	

- When I go to the cinema, I like to sit **in the front row**.
- James isn't up yet. He's still **in bed**.
- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud **in the sky**.
- I've just started working **in the sales department**.
- Who is the woman **in that photograph**?
- Have you seen this picture **in today's paper**?



in a row

B

on the left / on the right on the left-hand side / right-hand side
 on the ground floor / on the first floor / on the second floor etc.
 on a map / on a menu / on a list
 on a farm

- In Britain we drive **on the left**. (*or ... on the left-hand side.*)
- Our flat is **on the second floor** of the building.
- Here's a shopping list. Don't buy anything that's not **on the list**.
- Have you ever worked **on a farm**?

We say that a place is **on a river / on a road / on the coast**:

- Budapest is **on the (river) Danube**.
- Portsmouth is **on the south coast** of England.



Also **on the way**:

- We stopped at a small village **on the way** to London.

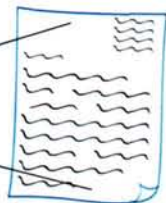
C

at the top (of) / at the bottom (of) / at the end (of)

- Write your name **at the top of the page**.
- Jane's house is **at the other end of the street**.

at the top (of the page)

at the bottom (of the page)



D

in the front / in the back of a car

- I was sitting **in the back** (of the car) when we crashed.

at the front / at the back of a building / theatre / group of people etc.

- The garden is **at the back of the house**.
- Let's sit **at the front** (of the cinema).
- We were **at the back**, so we couldn't see very well.

on the front / on the back of a letter / piece of paper etc.

- I wrote the date **on the back of the photograph**.

at the back



at the front

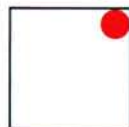
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in the corner of a room

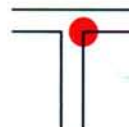
- The television is **in the corner** of the room.

at the corner *or* on the corner of a street

- There is a post box **at/on the corner** of the street.

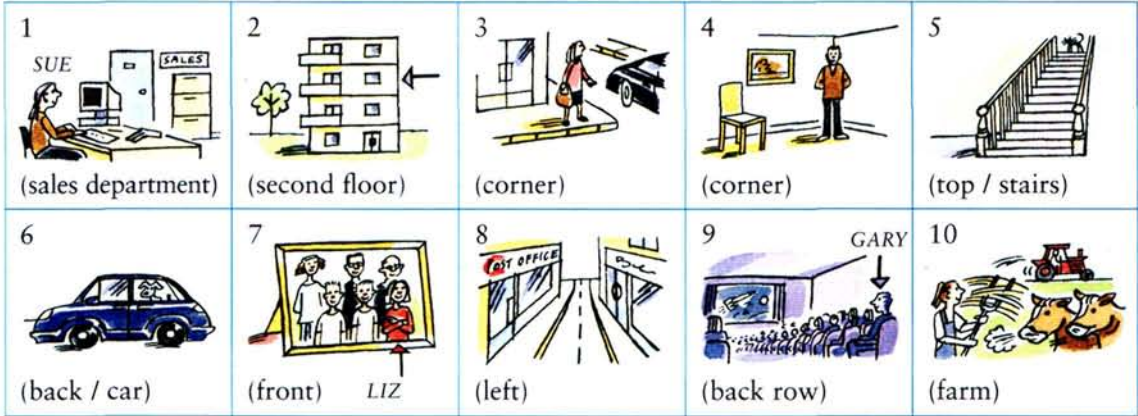


in the corner



at/on the corner

124.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use *in*, *at* or *on* with the words below the pictures.



- Where does Sue work? In the sales department.
- Sue lives in this building. Where's her flat exactly?
- Where is the woman standing?
- Where is the man standing?
- Where's the cat?
- Where's the dog?
- Liz is in this group of people. Where is she?
- Where's the post office?
- Gary is at the cinema. Where is he sitting?
- Where does Kate work?

124.2 Complete the sentences. Use *in*, *at* or *on* + the following:

- the west coast the world the back of the class ~~the sky~~
the front row the right the back of this card the way to work

- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky .
- In most countries people drive
- What is the tallest building ?
- I usually buy a newspaper in the morning.
- San Francisco is of the United States.
- We went to the theatre last night. We had seats
- I couldn't hear the teacher. She spoke quietly and I was sitting
- I don't have your address. Could you write it ?

124.3 Complete the sentences with *in*, *at* or *on*.

- Write your name at the top of the page.
- Is your sister this photograph? I don't recognise her.
- I didn't feel very well when I woke up, so I stayed bed.
- We normally use the front entrance to the building, but there's another one the back.
- Is there anything interesting the paper today?
- There was a list of names, but my name wasn't the list.
- the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.
- I love to look up at the stars the sky at night.
- When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit the front.
- It's a very small village. You probably won't find it your map.
- Joe works the furniture department of a large store.
- Paris is the river Seine.
- I don't like cities. I'd much prefer to live the country.
- My office in the top floor. It's the left as you come out of the lift.

A

In hospital / at home etc.

We say that somebody is **in hospital** / **in prison** / **in jail**:

- Ann's mother is **in hospital**.

We say that somebody is **at home** / **at work** / **at school** / **at university** / **at college**:

- I'll be **at work** until 5.30, but I'll be **at home** all evening.
- Julia is studying chemistry **at university**.

Also **at sea** (= on a voyage). Compare **at sea** and **in the sea**:

- It was a long voyage. We were **at sea** for 30 days.
- I love swimming **in the sea**.

B

At a party / at a concert etc.

We say that somebody is **at an event** (**at a party** / **at a conference** etc.):

- Were there many people **at the party** / **at the meeting** / **at the wedding**?
- I saw Steve **at a football match** / **at a concert** on Saturday.

C

In and at for buildings

You can often use **in** or **at** with buildings. For example, you can eat **in a restaurant** or **at a restaurant**; you can buy something **in a supermarket** or **at a supermarket**. We usually say **at** when we say where an event takes place (for example: a concert, a film, a party, a meeting):

- We went to a concert **at the Royal Festival Hall**.
- The meeting took place **at the company's head office** in Frankfurt.

We say **at the station** / **at the airport**:

- Don't meet me **at the station**. I can get a taxi.

We say **at somebody's house**:

- I was **at Sue's house** last night. *or* I was **at Sue's** last night.

Also **at the doctor's**, **at the hairdresser's** etc.

We use **in** when we are thinking about the building itself. Compare:

- We had dinner **at the hotel**.
All the rooms **in the hotel** have air conditioning. (*not at the hotel*)
- I was **at Sue's (house)** last night.
It's always cold **in Sue's house**. The heating doesn't work very well. (*not at Sue's house*)

D

In and at for towns etc.

We normally use **in** with cities, towns and villages:

- Sam's parents live **in Nottingham**. (*not at Nottingham*)
- The Louvre is a famous art museum **in Paris**. (*not at Paris*)

But you can use **at** *or* **in** when you think of the place as *a point or station on a journey*:

- Does this train stop **at (or in) Nottingham**? (= at Nottingham station)
- We stopped **at (or in)** a small **village** on the way to London.

E

On a bus / in a car etc.

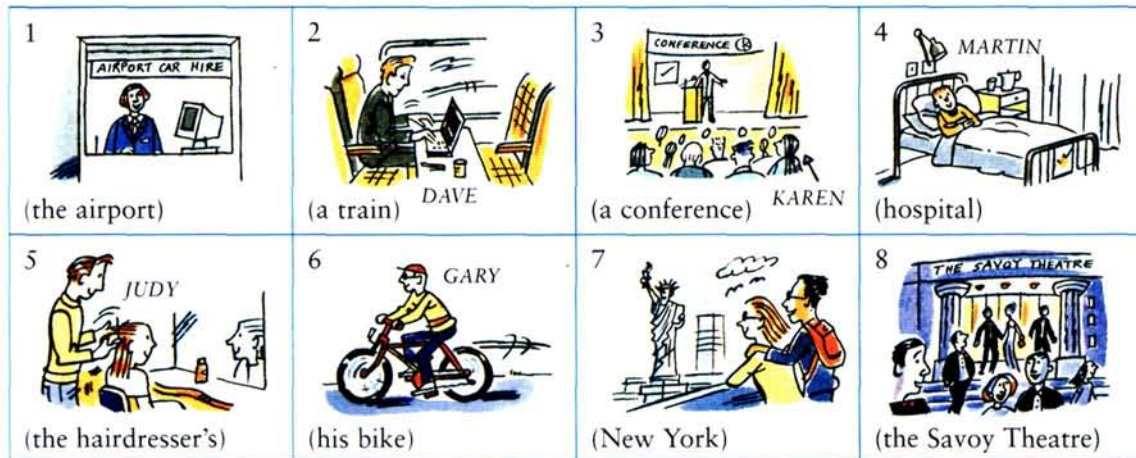
We usually say **on a bus** / **on a train** / **on a plane** / **on a ship** *but* **in a car** / **in a taxi**:

- The bus** was very full. There were too many people **on it**.
- Mary arrived **in a taxi**.

We say **on a bike** (= bicycle) / **on a motorbike** / **on a horse**:

- Jane passed me **on her bike**.

125.1 Complete the sentences about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- 1 You can hire a car at the airport . 5 Judy is
 2 Dave is 6 I saw Gary
 3 Karen is 7 We spent a few days
 4 Martin is 8 We went to a show

125.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

sea	hospital	a taxi	the station	the cinema
the plane	school	prison	the airport	the sports centre

- 1 My train arrives at 11.30. Can you meet me at the station ?
 2 We walked to the restaurant, but we went home
 3 I'd like to see a film. What's on this week?
 4 Some people are for crimes that they did not commit.
 5 'What does your sister do? Has she got a job?' 'No, she's still'
 6 I play basketball on Friday evenings.
 7 A friend of mine was injured in an accident a few days ago. She's still
 8 Our flight was delayed. We had to wait for four hours.
 9 I enjoyed the flight, but the food wasn't very nice.
 10 Bill works on ships. He is most of the time.

125.3 Complete these sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- 1 We went to a concert at the Royal Festival Hall.
 2 It was a very slow train. It stopped every station.
 3 My parents live a small village about 50 miles from London.
 4 I haven't seen Kate for some time. I last saw her David's wedding.
 5 We stayed a very nice hotel when we were Amsterdam.
 6 There were fifty rooms the hotel.
 7 I don't know where my umbrella is. Perhaps I left it the bus.
 8 I wasn't in when you phoned. I was my sister's house.
 9 There must be somebody the house. The lights are on.
 10 The exhibition the Museum of Modern Art finished on Saturday.
 11 Shall we travel your car or mine?
 12 What are you doing home? I expected you to be work.
 13 'Did you like the film?' 'Yes, but it was too hot the cinema.'
 14 Paul lives Birmingham. He's a student Birmingham University.

UNIT 121

121.1

- 2 at night
- 3 in the evening
- 4 on 21 July 1969
- 5 at the same time
- 6 in the 1920s
- 7 in about 20 minutes
- 8 at the moment
- 9 in the Middle Ages
- 10 in 11 seconds
- 11 (on) Saturdays

121.2

- 2 I last saw her **on** Tuesday. *or*
I last saw her Tuesday.
- 3 in
- 4 At
- 5 on
- 6 in
- 7 in
- 8 at
- 9 on
- 10 at
- 11 in
- 12 at
- 13 on
- 14 in
- 15 **On** Saturday night *or*
Saturday night ... **at** midnight
- 16 **at** 5 o'clock **in** the morning
- 17 **on** 7 January ... **in** April
- 18 at home **on** Tuesday morning
or at home Tuesday morning
... **in** the afternoon

121.3

- 3 a
- 4 *both*
- 5 b
- 6 b
- 7 *both*
- 8 a
- 9 b
- 10 a

UNIT 122

122.1

- 2 on time
- 3 in time
- 4 on time
- 5 in time
- 6 on time
- 7 in time
- 8 in time
- 9 on time

122.2

- 2 I got home just in time.
- 3 I stopped him just in time.
- 4 I got to the cinema just in time for the beginning of the film.

122.3

- 2 at the end of the month
- 3 at the end of the course

- 4 at the end of the race
- 5 at the end of the interview

122.4

- 2 In the end she resigned (from her job).
- 3 In the end I gave up (trying to learn German).
- 4 In the end we decided not to go (to the party). *or*
In the end we didn't go (to the party).

122.5

- 2 In
- 3 at ... at
- 4 in
- 5 in
- 6 at
- 7 in
- 8 at
- 9 in

UNIT 123

123.1

- 2 On his arm. *or*
On the man's arm.
- 3 At the traffic lights.
- 4 a On the door.
b In the door.
- 5 On the wall.
- 6 In Paris.
- 7 a At the gate.
b On the gate.
- 8 On the beach.

123.2

- 2 on my guitar
- 3 at the next garage
- 4 in your coffee
- 5 on that tree
- 6 in the mountains
- 7 on the island
- 8 at the window

123.3

- 2 on
- 3 at
- 4 on
- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 at
- 8 **in** a small village **in** the south-west
- 9 on
- 10 in
- 11 **on** the wall **in** the kitchen
- 12 at

UNIT 124

124.1

- 2 On the second floor.
- 3 At/On the corner.
- 4 In the corner.
- 5 At the top of the stairs.
- 6 In the back of the car.
- 7 At the front.

- 8 On the left.
- 9 In the back row.
- 10 On a farm.

124.2

- 2 on the right
- 3 in the world
- 4 on the way to work
- 5 on the west coast
- 6 in the front row
- 7 at the back of the class
- 6 on the back of this card

124.3

- 2 in
- 3 in
- 4 at
- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 At
- 8 in
- 9 in
- 10 on
- 11 in
- 12 on
- 13 in
- 14 on ... on

UNIT 125

125.1

- 2 on a train
- 3 at a conference
- 4 in hospital
- 5 at the hairdresser's
- 6 on his bike
- 7 in New York
- 8 at the Savoy Theatre

125.2

- 2 in a taxi
- 3 at the cinema
- 4 in prison
- 5 at school
- 6 at the sports centre
- 7 in hospital
- 8 at the airport
- 9 on the plane
- 10 at sea

125.3

- 2 at
- 3 in
- 4 at
- 5 **at/in** a very nice hotel ... **in** Amsterdam
- 6 in
- 7 on
- 8 at
- 9 in
- 10 at
- 11 in
- 12 at ... at
- 13 in
- 14 **in** Birmingham ... **at** Birmingham University