

# 106 Prepositions of place

Prepositions of place are used to relate the position or location of one thing to another. Using a different preposition usually changes the meaning of a sentence.

See also:  
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## 106.1 "IN," "AT," AND "ON"

"In" is used to position something or someone inside a large area or in a three-dimensional space.

The Louvre is **in** Paris.



David is **in** his bedroom.



"In" positions David inside his bedroom.

"At" is used to talk about an exact point.

Turn left **at** the next corner.



Let's meet **at** the restaurant.



"On" is used to position something in line with, next to, on top of, or attached to something else.

I love traveling **on** trains.



There's a spider **on** the floor!



## FURTHER EXAMPLES

They live **in** a hot country.



I will meet you **at** the beach.



I like that picture **on** the wall.



The dog is sleeping **in** his basket.



Jane is working **at** her desk.



The books are **on** the table.



## 106.2 PRECISE PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

Some prepositions of place show the precise position or location of something in relation to something else. They can be used to answer a "where" question.



The bird is flying **above** the cat.



The bird is sitting **on top of** the tree.



The dog usually sits **between** Ed and Ben.



The cat is **under**  
**underneath**  
**beneath**  
**below** } the table.



Jack is **next to**  
**near** } the tree.



The basket is **in front of** the cat.



Jack is hiding **behind** the tree.



Sally sits **opposite** Fred at work.

### FURTHER EXAMPLES

There's a sign **above** the door.



There's a mouse **underneath** the bed!



My house is **near** a lovely park.



The table is **opposite** the television.



I was stuck **behind** a truck all the way home.



I like those photos **on top of** the bookshelf.

