

# Prepositions of place (in, on, at)



**In:** We use in to specify that a noun (object, person etc) is inside. We use IN for an enclosed space.

- Where is your father?  
He's in the kitchen.
- Who is in the room?
- Brian was swimming in the ocean.
- Bogota is in Colombia.

**On:** We use on when we want to say that an object or person is on the surface of another object. We use ON for a surface.

- Your books are on the shelf.
- Don't put your hands on my head.
- There is an orange on the table.
- I live on Balgowan Street.

**At:** We use at to refer to a "general" location. We use AT for a point.

- Maria is at the window talking on the phone.
- Juan is at the table with his girlfriend.
- Please read the paragraph at the top of the page.
- The restaurant is at the end of German Avenue.

## 1. Choose the correct place preposition.

- Don't sit on/in/at the grass. It's wet.
- What do you have at/on/in the bag?
- Look! There's a man in/at/on the roof. What's he doing?
- There are a lot of fish in/at/on this river.
- Our house is number 45- the number in/on/at the door.
- "Is the post office near here?" "Yes, turn left in/on/at the traffic light".
- I have a small vegetable garden in/on/at the backyard.
- My sister lives at/on/in Mexico City.
- There's a small park in/on/at the top of the hill.
- I think I heard the doorbell. There's somebody in/on/at the door.
- Munich is a large city at/on/in southern Germany.
- There's a gas station in/on/at the end of the block.

## 2. Fill in the gaps with the correct place preposition.

- Do you live \_\_\_\_\_ Japan?
- Do you work \_\_\_\_\_ an office?
- There are no prices \_\_\_\_\_ this menu.
- I have a friend's marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Spain.
- The shop is \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
- When will you arrive \_\_\_\_\_ the office?
- The author's name is \_\_\_\_\_ the cover of the book.
- My plane stopped \_\_\_\_\_ Dubai and Hanoi and arrived \_\_\_\_\_ Bangkok two hours late.
- Jane is waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop
- Jupiter is \_\_\_\_\_ the Solar System.
- You are standing \_\_\_\_\_ my foot.
- There was a "no smoking" sign \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- I live \_\_\_\_\_ the 7th floor \_\_\_\_\_ 21 Oxford Street \_\_\_\_\_ London.

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## ANSWER KEY:

### EXERCISE 1:

- Jane is waiting for you **at** the bus stop.
- The shop is **at** the end of the street.
- My plane stopped **at** Dubai and Hanoi and arrived **in** Bangkok two hours late.
- When will you arrive **at** the office?
- Do you work **in** an office?
- I have a meeting **in** New York.
- Do you live **in** Japan?
- Jupiter is **in** the Solar System.
- The author's name is **on** the cover of the book.
- There are no prices **on** this menu.
- You are standing **on** my foot.
- There was a "no smoking" sign **on** the wall.
- I live **on** the 7th floor **at** 21 Oxford Street **in** London.

### EXERCISE 2:

- Do you live **in** Japan?
- Do you work **in** an office?
- There are no prices **on** this menu.
- I have a friend's marriage **in** Spain.
- The shop is **at** the end of the street.
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