

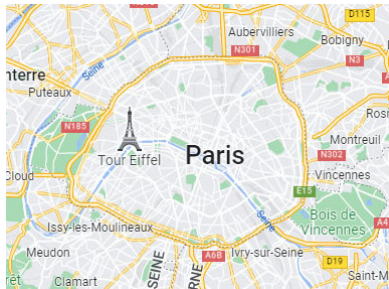
PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

How we use 'in' as a preposition of place.

We use the preposition 'in' for an enclosed space or a place which is surrounded by boundaries.

Examples are:

1. I live *in* the centre of Paris.



2. She left her bag *in* the office.



3. It was made *in* China.



4. The milk is *in* the refrigerator.

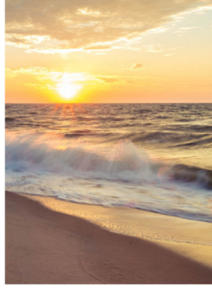


How we use 'on' as a preposition of place.

The preposition 'on' is used to talk about the position of something on surfaces like walls or tables. My phone is *on* the table. You can see a painting *on* the wall behind me. We live *on* the fourth floor of the building.

Examples are:

1. We walked *on* the beach.



2. There are many pictures *on* the wall.



3. Have you ever walked *on* the Great Wall of China?



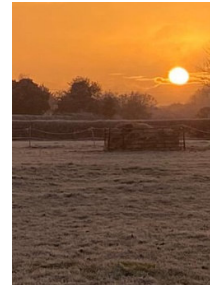
4. She has a cottage *on* the coast.



5. I found it *on* the internet.



6. The snow lay *on* the ground.



How we use 'at' as a preposition of place.

'At' is one of the most common prepositions in English. 'At' tells us that the noun following is located at a specific point or location.

Here are some examples:

1. She's waiting for her daughter *at* the airport.



2. The coach station is *at* 164 Buckingham Palace Road.



3. Can we meet *at* the restaurant because I'm going to be late?



4. I have an appointment *at* the dentist in the afternoon.



Whether to choose 'at' or 'in' as a preposition of place.

Sometimes it's confusing whether to pick 'at' or 'in' as a preposition of place. While 'at' is used for a specific location or address, 'in' is typically used describing a location that's inside of something:

- a. We live *in* the United Kingdom.
- b. My university is *in* London.
- c. My girlfriend lives *in* Soho
- d. The dog is *in* the car.
- e. We swim *in* the pool.
- f. The keys are *in* my bag.

'At' can also be used as a preposition of time. It's almost always a specific time:

1. The train arrives *at* ten past two.



2. Let's meet at Stonehenge at sunrise.



When to use 'at', or when to use 'in' or 'on' can be confusing when talking about time:

1. As we've seen, 'at' is used with specific times of the day:

- a. 'I always eat lunch *at* midday.'
- b. 'Let's meet *at* 5 pm.'

2. However, you need to use 'in' when referring to a period of time in the future:

- a. 'The essay will be finished *in* three hours' time.'
- b. 'I'm going to visit Vietnam *in* six months' time.'

Or for months, years, centuries and long periods:

- a. My birthday is *in* May.
- b. I was born *in* 1962.
- c. Victoria was born *in* the last century.
- d. *In* prehistoric times, dinosaurs roamed the earth.

'In' is used with specific time expressions referring to the morning, afternoon and evening. However, you must remember to use 'at' with 'night':

- a. He usually starts work early *in* the morning
- b. Let's talk about this *in* the afternoon
- c. I always have dinner *in* the evening
- d. I don't sleep well *at* night.

3. 'On' is used on days and dates:

- a. I'm meeting him *on* Sunday
- b. Christmas day is *on* December 25th
- c. I love presents *on* my birthday
- d. Let's party *on* New Year's Eve


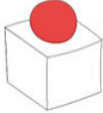
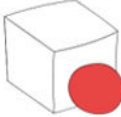

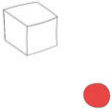
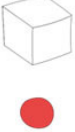
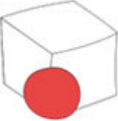
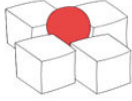


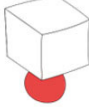
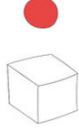
Preposition Quiz

A. *Fill in the box with the correct preposition:*

1. We went the theatre last night. We had seats the front row.
2. We live the country, a long way from the nearest town.
3. Boston is the east coast of the United States.
4. Look at the leaves that tree. They are a beautiful colour.
5. Have you ever been Tokyo? No, I've never been Japan.
6. It was late when we arrived the hotel.
7. We live a tower block. Our apartment is the 15th floor.
8. Anna spent 2 years working Chicago before returning Italy.
9. Let's meet the industrial park Thursday.
10. I was last there May.
11. Are you free for a meeting 10th June the afternoon?
12. I'll be seconded Paris six months' time.
13. I usually WFH Mondays and Fridays.
14. She goes the gym the mornings.
15. What are you doing 14th July?

- B. Look carefully at the position of the ball in relation to the boxes. Choose the correct preposition from the list and fill in the box.

Among	Against	Between	Next to
Behind	In front of	Far from	Below
Above	On	Under	In

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C. Describe the layout of the industrial park below using the following words and phrases:

on the left	above	behind	opposite
between	facing	around	below
on the far right	in front of	in the middle	
in the foreground	in the top right corner	in the background	

