



Prepositions of Place

Introduction to Prepositions of Place

- I play football at the field.
- I play football in the yard.
- I play football on the pitch.
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Visual Guide: At, In, On

Color-coded A1 elementary grammar chart outlining the use of prepositions of place 'at', 'in', and 'on' with categorized examples for locations, territories, and various objects.

AT	IN	ON
AT A POINT <u>at</u> the door <u>at</u> the crossroads <u>at</u> the traffic light	IN A 3D SPACE <u>in</u> the bag <u>in</u> the classroom <u>in</u> a box	ON A SURFACE <u>on</u> the table <u>on</u> the carpet <u>on</u> the roof <u>on</u> the sofa
TOP/BOTTOM/END OF <u>at</u> the top of the stairs <u>at</u> the bottom of the page <u>at</u> the end of the street	TERRITORY <u>in</u> London <u>in</u> Europe <u>in</u> the Alps <u>in</u> the world	FLOOR <u>on</u> the first floor <u>on</u> the fifth floor
GROUP ACTIVITIES <u>at</u> a party <u>at</u> a concert <u>at</u> the cinema	CAR/VAN <u>in</u> the car <u>in</u> a van	RIGHT/LEFT <u>on</u> the right <u>on</u> the left
SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY <u>at</u> school <u>at</u> university	WATER <u>in</u> the sea <u>in</u> a river <u>in</u> a lake <u>in</u> the swimming pool	PUBLIC TRANSPORT <u>on</u> the bus <u>on</u> the train <u>on</u> a plane
HOME/WORK <u>at</u> home <u>at</u> work	PRINTED MATERIAL <u>in</u> a book <u>in</u> a picture	MEDIA <u>on</u> the radio <u>on</u> TV <u>on</u> the Internet <u>on</u> a website
SHOPS <u>at</u> the bakery <u>at</u> a café		

Prepositions of Place: At

- At a point
 - We use at to refer to a point near something.
 - Can you see that car at the traffic light? (=The car is at a point near the traffic light)
 - Who is that man at the door? (=The man is at a point near the door)
- At the top of/at the bottom of/at the end of
 - We use at in the expressions at the top of, at the bottom of and at the end of.
 - She is at the top of the stairs.
 - Please sign at the bottom of the page.
 - The new café is at the end of the street.
- Group activities
 - We use at to refer to group activities like parties, concerts, and other events.
 - We were at the cinema.
 - I didn't see you at Jackie's party.
 - We met at a concert.
- At + school/university/college
 - We normally use at with school, university and college.
 - He is at school every morning until 12.
 - I'm studying at Oxford University.
- Be at home/work
 - We say be at home/at work (without the)
 - She's at home. (Correct)
 - She's at the home. (Wrong)
 - I'll be at work all morning. (Correct)
 - I'll be at the work all morning. (Wrong)
- At the shop
 - We use at to refer to shops, restaurants, cafés, etc.
 - I'm at the bakery.
 - If you are at the chemist's, can you buy some aspirin?

Prepositions of Place: In

- In a car
 - We use in for cars and vans.
 - They are in the car.
- In the water
 - We also use in when something is in the water: in the sea, in the river, in the swimming pool, etc.
 - The kids have fun in the swimming pool.
- In a picture, in a book
 - We also use in for things that are printed in books, pictures, documents, etc.
 - Who's that woman in the picture?
 - Does it say anything about the concert in the newspaper?

Prepositions of Place: On

- On a surface
 - We use on to refer to a position on a surface.
 - The book is on the table.
- On the first/second/etc. floor
 - We use on to refer to floors in a building.
 - The office is on the third floor.
- On the right/left
 - We use on in the expressions on the right and on the left.
 - The office is on the third floor on the left.
- On the bus/train/plane
 - We use on when we are using public transport: on the bus, on a train, on a plane, etc.
 - She's on the bus right now.
- On TV/the radio/the Internet/a website
 - We use on when we read, see or learn something in the media.
 - I saw it on TV last night.
 - I learned it on the internet.