

PREPOSITION	EXAMPLE
on	The book is on the table.
at (a general area)	I am at school.
in (a complete or partial enclosure)	The students are in the classroom.
in front of	The teacher is in front of the students.
in back of / behind	The chalkboard is in back of / behind the desk.
between	The empty desk is between the two students.
over / above	The exit sign is over / above the door.
below / under	The textbooks are below / under the desk.
near / by / close to	The sharpener is near / by / close to the window.
next to	The light switch is next to the door.
far from	Spain is far from India.
across from	Room 202 is across from Room 203.
in (a city)	The White House is in Washington, D.C.
on (a street)	The White House is on Pennsylvania Avenue.
at (an address)	The White House is at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.
from	Mario is from Brazil.

LANGUAGE NOTES:

1. We use prepositions to show location and origin.
2. Word order = subject + *be* + preposition + place.

EXERCISE 1 Circle the correct preposition for each sentence.

Example: I live on / from the top floor of my building.

1. My mother is in / at San Francisco.
2. Her apartment house is on / between Fulton Street.
3. It is on / at 543 Fulton Street.
4. She lives in / on the first floor.
5. My mother is from / under Sweden.
6. There is a lot of snow at / in Sweden in the winter.
7. Stockholm is in / on Sweden.
8. Brazil is in / at South America.
9. Sweden is next to / far from Mexico.

10. My best friend is by / from Iran.
11. Iran is under / between Afghanistan and Iraq.
12. She is standing over / between her mother and her father in the photo.
13. A tall man is in front of / at me.
14. The sun is behind / at the clouds.
15. The doctor is over / at the hospital.
16. Dinner is under / on the table.
17. Our feet are over / under the table at dinnertime.
18. The park is under / across from my house.
19. The light is next to / between my bed.
20. The fish are close to / in the ocean.

EXERCISE 2 Use a form of *be* and a preposition to tell the location of these people and things.

Example: My coat *is in the closet.*

1. My town _____
2. My house _____
3. My room _____
4. My books _____
5. My bed _____
6. The light switch _____
7. The television _____
8. The wastebasket _____
9. My desk _____
10. I _____
11. My friend _____
12. My teacher _____
13. My school _____
14. My family _____