

Prepositions of Place — Lesson 2

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Language Focus

Preposition	Use	Examples
in	inside something	The frog is in the pond. / The keys are in my bag.
on	touching the top or surface of something	The ducks swim on the pond. / The blanket is on the grass.
under	below something, often hidden	The bench is under the tree. / The ball rolled under the car.
next to	directly beside something	The bin is next to the bench. / The shop is next to the bank.
between	in the middle of two things	The path is between the pond and the playground.
behind	at the back of something	The trees are behind the pond. / The car is behind the house.
in front of	at the front of something, facing it	The flower bed is in front of the gate.

Reading / Listening Text

Let me tell you about my local park. There's a big tree in the middle of the park, and a wooden bench is under the tree. Next to the bench, there's a small rubbish bin. Between the pond and the playground, there's a narrow path. Behind the pond, there's a row of tall trees. In front of the gate, there's a flower bed with colourful flowers. On the grass, in front of the playground, children like to play football. My dog loves to run under the wooden bridge, next to the pond.

1. True or False

Based on the text above, decide if each statement is true or false.

1. The bench is under the tree. True / False
2. The rubbish bin is in front of the bench. True / False
3. The path is between the pond and the playground. True / False
4. The tall trees are in front of the pond. True / False
5. The flower bed is in front of the gate. True / False
6. The bridge is next to the pond. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The rubbish bin is ____ the bench, so it's easy to throw your rubbish away without walking far.
a) next to b) behind c) under
2. My dog loves lying ____ the bench in summer, because it's cool and shady there.
a) on b) under c) next to
3. The narrow path goes ____ the pond and the playground, connecting the two areas.
a) next to b) behind c) between
4. The tall trees are ____ the pond, at the back of the park, far from the entrance.
a) in front of b) next to c) behind
5. The flower bed is ____ the entrance gate, so visitors see it as soon as they arrive.
a) behind b) next to c) in front of
6. The children found a frog ____ the pond, hiding among the reeds.
a) on b) under c) in
7. The picnic blanket is ____ the grass, in the sunniest part of the park.
a) on b) under c) in
8. The bicycle rack is ____ the entrance gate, so you can park your bike as soon as you arrive.
a) behind b) under c) next to

3. Matching

Match the sentence halves. Choose the correct ending (a–g) for each beginning (1–7).

Beginning		Ending
1. The bench is ...	_____	a) on the grass, in the sun.
2. The rubbish bin is ...	_____	b) in the pond, among the reeds.
3. The narrow path goes ...	_____	c) in front of the entrance gate.
4. The tall trees stand ...	_____	d) behind the pond, at the back of the park.
5. The flower bed is ...	_____	e) between the pond and the playground.
6. The frog was hiding ...	_____	f) next to the bench, easy to reach.
7. The picnic blanket is spread ...	_____	g) under the big tree, in the shade.

4. Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition of place.

1. The ball rolled _____ the bench and disappeared.
2. The children played _____ the sandpit.
3. The ice cream van parks _____ the park gate every afternoon.
4. The old oak tree stands _____ the small pond.
5. There's a bin _____ the two benches.
6. The ducks swim _____ the pond all day.
7. The flower bed is _____ the entrance, so visitors see it first.
8. The picnic tables are _____ the shady trees.

5. Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. is / the / bench / tree / under / the

2. is / path / pond / playground / between / and / the / the / the

3. flower / bed / is / in / front / of / the / gate / the

4. trees / are / behind / the / pond / the

5. bin / is / next / to / the / bench / the

6. frog / is / in / the / pond / the

7. blanket / is / on / the / grass / the

6. Word Sort

Sort each preposition into the correct category.

Words: in, on, under, next to, between, behind, in front of

Touching or Inside: _____

Below: _____

Beside / Between: _____

Front or Back: _____

7. Complete the Conversation

Someone is asking for directions in the park. Complete the conversation with the correct prepositions.

A: Excuse me, where's the playground?

B: Go straight and it's _____ the pond and the gate.

A: And where can I sit down?

B: There's a bench _____ the big tree, in the shade.

A: Is there a bin nearby?

B: Yes, it's _____ the bench.

A: Where are the ducks?

B: They're usually swimming _____ the pond.

A: What's behind those trees over there?

B: Nothing much — they're just _____ the pond, at the back of the park.

A: I see some flowers by the gate.

B: Yes, the flower bed is _____ the entrance.

A: Great, thanks! And where can I find a frog?

B: Sometimes you can see them _____ the pond, among the reeds.

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Answer: True

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Answer: False — The rubbish bin is next to the bench.

3. The path is between the pond and the playground. True / False

Answer: True

4. The tall trees are in front of the pond. True / False

Answer: False — The tall trees are behind the pond.

5. The flower bed is in front of the gate. True / False

Answer: True

6. The bridge is next to the pond. True / False

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2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The rubbish bin is ____ the bench, so it's easy to throw your rubbish away without walking far.

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Answer: a) next to — 'Next to' means directly beside something — behind or under it would make it hard to reach.

2. My dog loves lying ____ the bench in summer, because it's cool and shady there.

a) on b) under c) next to

Answer: b) under — 'Under' means below something — only the space beneath the bench is shady.

3. The narrow path goes ____ the pond and the playground, connecting the two areas.

a) next to b) behind c) between

Answer: c) between — 'Between' is used for a position in the middle of two things.

4. The tall trees are ____ the pond, at the back of the park, far from the entrance.

a) in front of b) next to c) behind

Answer: c) behind — 'Behind' means at the back of something.

5. The flower bed is ____ the entrance gate, so visitors see it as soon as they arrive.

a) behind b) next to c) in front of

Answer: c) in front of — 'In front of' means at the front of something, facing it — visitors see it immediately.

6. The children found a frog ____ the pond, hiding among the reeds.

a) on b) under c) in

Answer: c) in — 'In' is used for something inside a space — the frog is inside the water.

7. The picnic blanket is ____ the grass, in the sunniest part of the park.

a) on b) under c) in

Answer: a) on — 'On' is used for something touching a surface.

8. The bicycle rack is ____ the entrance gate, so you can park your bike as soon as you arrive.

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Answer: c) next to — 'Next to' means directly beside something — being close to the entrance matches this.

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Answers: 1-g, 2-f, 3-e, 4-d, 5-c, 6-b, 7-a

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A: Is there a bin nearby?

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A: Where are the ducks?

B: They're usually swimming _____ the pond.

Answer: on

A: What's behind those trees over there?

B: Nothing much — they're just _____ the pond, at the back of the park.

Answer: behind

A: I see some flowers by the gate.

B: Yes, the flower bed is _____ the entrance.

Answer: in front of

A: Great, thanks! And where can I find a frog?

B: Sometimes you can see them _____ the pond, among the reeds.

Answer: in