

Prepositions of Place

A2 Elementary · in, on, under, next to, between, behind, in front of

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Language Focus

Preposition	Use	Examples
in	inside something	The pencils are in the drawer. / My clothes are in the wardrobe.
on	touching the top or surface of something	The lamp is on the table. / The picture is on the wall.
under	below something, often hidden	The shoes are under the bed. / The cat is under the chair.
next to	directly beside something	The lamp is next to the bed. / The chair is next to the desk.
between	in the middle of two things	The armchair is between the bed and the wardrobe.
behind	at the back of something	The mirror is behind the door. / The bin is behind the desk.
in front of	at the front of something, facing it	The desk is in front of the window.

Reading / Listening Text

Let me describe my bedroom. My bed is next to the window, and there's a small lamp on the bedside table. Under the bed, there's a pair of slippers and an old box. Between the bed and the wardrobe, there's a comfortable armchair. My books are in the bookshelf, next to the desk. Behind the door, there's a full-length mirror. In front of the window, there's a small desk where I do my homework. On the desk, there's a laptop and a cup of pens. My cat likes to sleep under the desk, next to my feet.

1. True or False

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

1. The lamp is on the bedside table. True / False
2. The armchair is between the bed and the wardrobe. True / False
3. The mirror is in front of the door. True / False
4. The desk is in front of the window. True / False
5. The cat sleeps on the desk. True / False
6. The books are next to the desk. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The clock is ____ the wall, above the door.
a) on b) in c) under
2. My shoes are ____ the bed — I can't find them anywhere else!
a) under b) on c) next to
3. The mirror is ____ the door, so you don't see it until you close it.
a) in front of b) behind c) between
4. The small table is ____ the sofa and the window.
a) between b) behind c) in
5. The dog always sleeps ____ the sofa, where it's cool and dark.
a) under b) on c) in
6. Put the pencils ____ the top drawer, please.
a) in b) on c) next to
7. The armchair is ____ the television, so you can watch it comfortably.
a) in front of b) next to c) behind
8. The plant pot is ____ the bookshelf, on the same side of the room.
a) next to b) between c) under

3. Matching

Match each preposition (1–7) to its correct meaning (a–g).

Preposition		Meaning
1. in	_____	a) at the front of something, facing it
2. on	_____	b) at the back of something
3. under	_____	c) in the middle of two things
4. next to	_____	d) directly beside something
5. between	_____	e) below something, often hidden
6. behind	_____	f) touching the top or surface of something
7. in front of	_____	g) inside something

4. Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition of place.

1. The teacher's desk is _____ the classroom, facing the students.
2. The whiteboard is _____ the teacher, on the wall.
3. The bookshelf is _____ the window and the door.
4. The pencils are _____ the pencil case.
5. The globe is _____ the shelf, near the window.
6. The wastebin is _____ the teacher's desk.
7. My chair is _____ Maria's chair.
8. The clock is _____ the wall, above the board.

5. Word Order

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

1. is / the / table / book / the / on

2. is / the / bed / the / under / box

3. the / next / is / desk / to / lamp / the

4. is / the / armchair / wardrobe / the / bed / between / and / the

5. is / the / door / mirror / behind / the

6. is / the / window / in / front / desk / the / of

7. are / wardrobe / the / clothes / the / in

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

Two people are arranging furniture. Complete the conversation with the correct prepositions.

A: Where should we put the desk?

B: Let's put it _____ the window, so you get good light.

A: Good idea. Where's the bed going?

B: I think the bed should go _____ the door and the window.

A: What about the bookshelf?

B: Put it _____ the desk.

A: And the storage box?

B: We can keep it _____ the bed.

A: Where should the plant go?

B: Put it _____ the curtain — it likes a bit of shade.

A: Last thing — where do the pencils go?

B: They go _____ the top drawer.

A: And the lamp?

B: Put it _____ the desk.

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Answer: True

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Answer: True

3. The mirror is in front of the door. True / False

Answer: False — The mirror is behind the door.

4. The desk is in front of the window. True / False

Answer: True

5. The cat sleeps on the desk. True / False

Answer: False — The cat sleeps under the desk.

6. The books are next to the desk. True / False

Answer: True

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The clock is ____ the wall, above the door.

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

2. My shoes are ____ the bed — I can't find them anywhere else!

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Answer: a) under — 'Under' means below something.

3. The mirror is ____ the door, so you don't see it until you close it.

a) in front of b) behind c) between

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

4. The small table is ____ the sofa and the window.

a) between b) behind c) in

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

5. The dog always sleeps ____ the sofa, where it's cool and dark.

a) under b) on c) in

Answer: a) under — 'Under' means below something.

6. Put the pencils ____ the top drawer, please.

a) in b) on c) next to

Answer: a) in — 'In' is used for something inside a space, like a drawer.

7. The armchair is ____ the television, so you can watch it comfortably.

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

Answer: a) in front of — 'In front of' means at the front of something, facing it — from the side ('next to') or the back ('behind') you couldn't watch comfortably.

8. The plant pot is ____ the bookshelf, on the same side of the room.

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Answer: a) next to — 'Next to' means directly beside something.

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

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3. the / next / is / desk / to / lamp / the

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4. is / the / armchair / wardrobe / the / bed / between / and / the

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5. is / the / door / mirror / behind / the

Answer: The mirror is behind the door.

6. is / the / window / in / front / desk / the / of

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7. are / wardrobe / the / clothes / the / in

Answer: The clothes are in the wardrobe.

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Answer: in

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