

Prepositions of Place — Lesson 2

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Language Focus

Preposition	Use	Examples
above	higher than something, not touching it	The cinema is above the food court. / The gym is above the shops.
below	lower than something	The car park is below the shopping centre.
near	a short distance from something	The pharmacy is near the main entrance.
opposite	on the other side of something, facing it	The bookshop is opposite the toy shop.
beside	right next to something	The bank is beside the pharmacy.
inside	in an enclosed space	We stayed inside when it started raining.
outside	not inside; external to a place	The market stalls are outside, in the square.

Reading / Listening Text

Let me tell you about my local shopping centre. The clothes shop is beside the shoe shop, on the ground floor. Above the food court, there's a cinema on the top floor. Below the shopping centre, there's a large car park. The bookshop is opposite the toy shop, so you can see both from the escalator. The pharmacy is near the main entrance, just a few steps away. When it's raining, everyone stays inside the shopping centre, but on sunny days, people prefer sitting outside in the square.

1. True or False

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

1. The clothes shop is beside the shoe shop. True / False
2. The cinema is below the food court. True / False
3. The car park is above the shopping centre. True / False
4. The bookshop is opposite the toy shop. True / False
5. The pharmacy is near the main entrance. True / False
6. People stay outside when it's raining. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The ATM is ____ the entrance, so it's easy to find as soon as you arrive.
a) near b) opposite c) inside
2. The shoe shop is ____ the clothes shop, directly across the corridor.
a) beside b) near c) opposite
3. The lift stops ____ the ground floor, in the basement car park.
a) below b) above c) near
4. The rooftop restaurant is ____ the shops, with a view over the whole centre.
a) above b) below c) beside
5. My friend and I sat ____ each other on the bench, chatting while we waited.
a) beside b) near c) opposite
6. We stayed ____ the shopping centre all afternoon because of the storm outside.
a) outside b) near c) inside
7. The market stalls are set up ____ every Saturday, in the square.
a) outside b) inside c) near
8. The hotel is ____ the shopping centre, so guests can walk there in a few minutes.
a) near b) opposite c) beside

3. Matching

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

Beginning		Ending
1. The clothes shop is ...	_____	a) outside in the square on sunny days.
2. The cinema is ...	_____	b) inside when it's raining.
3. The car park is ...	_____	c) near the main entrance.
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5. The pharmacy is ...	_____	e) below the shopping centre.
6. Everyone stays ...	_____	f) above the food court, on the top floor.
7. People sit ...	_____	g) beside the shoe shop, on the ground floor.

4. Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition of place.

1. The escalator is _____ the main entrance.
2. The cafe is _____ the bookshop, across the corridor.
3. The gym is _____ the shopping centre, on the first floor.
4. The storage rooms are _____ the shops, underground.
5. The bank is _____ the pharmacy, right next door.
6. Let's go _____ — it's too cold to sit outside.
7. The children played _____ in the square while we shopped.
8. The taxi rank is _____ the main entrance.

5. Word Order

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

1. clothes / shop / is / beside / the / shoe / shop / the

2. cinema / is / above / the / food / court / the

3. car / park / is / below / the / shops / the

4. bookshop / is / opposite / the / toy / shop / the

5. pharmacy / is / near / the / entrance / the

6. stayed / inside / all / afternoon / we

7. market / is / outside / on / saturdays / the

6. Word Sort

Sort each preposition into the correct category.

Words: above, below, near, beside, opposite, inside, outside

Higher / Lower: _____

Close By: _____

Facing / Across: _____

Inside or Outside: _____

7. Complete the Conversation

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

A: Excuse me, where's the bookshop?

B: It's _____ the toy shop, just across the corridor.

A: And the pharmacy?

B: That's _____ the main entrance.

A: Is there a cinema here?

B: Yes, it's _____ the food court, on the top floor.

A: Where can I park?

B: There's a car park _____ the shopping centre.

A: Is the bank open?

B: Yes, it's _____ the pharmacy, right next door.

A: It's raining outside.

B: Let's stay _____ then, and grab a coffee.

A: What about the market stalls?

B: They're _____ in the square, every Saturday.

TEACHER ANSWER KEY

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Answer: False — The cinema is above the food court.

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Answer: False — The car park is below the shopping centre.

4. The bookshop is opposite the toy shop. True / False

Answer: True

5. The pharmacy is near the main entrance. True / False

Answer: True

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Answer: False — People stay inside when it's raining.

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Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The ATM is ____ the entrance, so it's easy to find as soon as you arrive.

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Answer: a) near — 'Near' means a short distance from something.

2. The shoe shop is ____ the clothes shop, directly across the corridor.

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Answer: c) opposite — 'Opposite' means on the other side of something, facing it.

3. The lift stops ____ the ground floor, in the basement car park.

a) below b) above c) near

Answer: a) below — 'Below' means lower than something — the basement is lower than ground level.

4. The rooftop restaurant is ____ the shops, with a view over the whole centre.

a) above b) below c) beside

Answer: a) above — 'Above' means higher than something, not touching it.

5. My friend and I sat ___ each other on the bench, chatting while we waited.

a) beside b) near c) opposite

Answer: a) beside — 'Beside' means right next to something — close enough to chat easily.

6. We stayed ___ the shopping centre all afternoon because of the storm outside.

a) outside b) near c) inside

Answer: c) inside — 'Inside' means in an enclosed space — sheltering from the storm.

7. The market stalls are set up ___ every Saturday, in the square.

a) outside b) inside c) near

Answer: a) outside — 'Outside' means not inside, external to a place.

8. The hotel is ___ the shopping centre, so guests can walk there in a few minutes.

a) near b) opposite c) beside

Answer: a) near — 'Near' means a short distance from something — a few minutes' walk rules out 'beside'.

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

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Answer: above

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Answer: below

5. The bank is _____ the pharmacy, right next door.

Answer: beside

6. Let's go _____ — it's too cold to sit outside.

Answer: inside

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Answer: outside

8. The taxi rank is _____ the main entrance.

Answer: near

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Answer: The bookshop is opposite the toy shop.

5. pharmacy / is / near / the / entrance / the

Answer: The pharmacy is near the entrance.

6. stayed / inside / all / afternoon / we

Answer: We stayed inside all afternoon.

7. market / is / outside / on / Saturdays / the

Answer: The market is outside on Saturdays.

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Answer: opposite

A: And the pharmacy?

B: That's _____ the main entrance.

Answer: near

A: Is there a cinema here?

B: Yes, it's _____ the food court, on the top floor.

Answer: above

A: Where can I park?

B: There's a car park _____ the shopping centre.

Answer: below

A: Is the bank open?

B: Yes, it's _____ the pharmacy, right next door.

Answer: beside

A: It's raining outside.

B: Let's stay _____ then, and grab a coffee.

Answer: inside

A: What about the market stalls?

B: They're _____ in the square, every Saturday.

Answer: outside