

Prepositions of Place

A2 Elementary · above, below, near, opposite, beside, inside, outside

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Language Focus

Preposition	Use	Examples
above	higher than something, not touching it	The flat is above the shop. / There's a clock above the door.
below	lower than something	The car park is below the building. / The gym is below street level.
near	a short distance from something	The pharmacy is near the bus stop. / We live near the station.
opposite	on the other side of something, facing it	The cinema is opposite the supermarket.
beside	right next to something	The bakery is beside the bank. / She sat beside me.
inside	in an enclosed space	We waited inside the cafe. / The keys are inside the drawer.
outside	not inside; external to a place	There was a queue outside the cinema.

Reading / Listening Text

Let me describe my town centre. The bakery is beside the bank, and there's a clock above the door of the town hall. Below the town hall, there's an underground car park. The cinema is opposite the supermarket, so you can see it from the supermarket's entrance. The pharmacy is near the bus stop, just a short walk away. The library is also near the bus stop, on the other side of the road. Yesterday it started raining, so we waited inside the cafe until it stopped. Later, there was a long queue outside the cinema for the new film, but luckily the queue moved quickly.

1. True or False

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

1. The bakery is beside the bank. True / False
2. The car park is above the town hall. True / False
3. The cinema is opposite the supermarket. True / False
4. The pharmacy is near the bus stop. True / False
5. We waited outside the cafe when it rained. True / False
6. There was a queue outside the cinema. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The gym is ____ street level, in the basement of the building.
a) below b) above c) near
2. There's a balcony ____ the shop, where the owner's flat is.
a) above b) below c) beside
3. The new cafe is ____ my house, just a two-minute walk away.
a) near b) opposite c) inside
4. My office is ____ the park, directly across the street, so I look right onto it every morning.
a) beside b) near c) opposite
5. She sat ____ me on the bus, so we could chat easily.
a) beside b) near c) opposite
6. We stayed ____ the tent all night because of the storm.
a) outside b) near c) inside
7. The children played ____ all afternoon, even though it started to rain.
a) outside b) inside c) near
8. The hotel is ____ the beach, so guests can walk there in five minutes.
a) near b) opposite c) beside

3. Matching

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

Preposition		Meaning
1. above	_____	a) not inside; external to a place
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3. near	_____	c) right next to something
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5. beside	_____	e) a short distance from something
6. inside	_____	f) lower than something
7. outside	_____	g) higher than something, not touching it

4. Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition of place.

1. The chemist is _____ the newsagent, right next door.
2. The flat is _____ the shop, on the first floor.
3. The staff room is _____ the reception desk, downstairs.
4. The school is _____ my house, only a few minutes' walk.
5. The bank is _____ the post office, on the other side of the street.
6. It's cold outside, so let's stay _____ the house.
7. We had a picnic _____ in the sunshine.
8. The new restaurant is _____ the cinema, so you can eat before the film.

5. Word Order

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

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2. car / park / is / below / the / building / the

3. school / is / near / my / house / the

4. bank / is / opposite / the / post / office / the

5. sat / beside / me / she

6. keys / are / inside / the / drawer / the

7. waited / outside / the / shop / we

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 town centre. Complete the conversation with the correct prepositions.

A: Excuse me, where's the pharmacy?

B: It's _____ the bus stop, just a short walk.

A: And the bakery?

B: That's _____ the bank, right next door.

A: Is there a car park nearby?

B: Yes, it's _____ the shopping centre, in the basement.

A: What's that building with the clock?

B: That's the town hall — there's a flat _____ the shop next to it.

A: Where's the cinema?

B: It's _____ the supermarket, across the street.

A: It looks cold today.

B: Yes, let's wait _____ the cafe until the rain stops.

A: And after that?

B: We can sit _____ in the square if the sun comes out.

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Answer: False — The car park is below the town hall.

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5. We waited outside the cafe when it rained. True / False

Answer: False — We waited inside the cafe.

6. There was a queue outside the cinema. True / False

Answer: True

2. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

1. The gym is ____ street level, in the basement of the building.

a) below b) above c) near

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

2. There's a balcony ____ the shop, where the owner's flat is.

a) above b) below c) beside

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

3. The new cafe is ____ my house, just a two-minute walk away.

a) near b) opposite c) inside

Answer: a) near — 'Near' means a short distance from something — not touching, unlike 'beside'.

4. My office is ____ the park, directly across the street, so I look right onto it every morning.

a) beside b) near c) opposite

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

5. She sat ___ me on the bus, so we could chat easily.

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

6. We stayed ___ the tent all night because of the storm.

a) outside b) near c) inside

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

7. The children played ___ all afternoon, even though it started to rain.

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Answer: a) outside — 'Outside' means not inside, external to a place — they stayed out despite the rain.

8. The hotel is ___ the beach, so guests can walk there in five minutes.

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Answer: a) near — 'Near' means a short distance from something — five minutes rules out 'beside', which means touching or immediately next to.

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

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Answer: inside

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Answer: beside

A: Is there a car park nearby?

B: Yes, it's _____ the shopping centre, in the basement.

Answer: below

A: What's that building with the clock?

B: That's the town hall — there's a flat _____ the shop next to it.

Answer: above

A: Where's the cinema?

B: It's _____ the supermarket, across the street.

Answer: opposite

A: It looks cold today.

B: Yes, let's wait _____ the cafe until the rain stops.

Answer: inside

A: And after that?

B: We can sit _____ in the square if the sun comes out.

Answer: outside