

# In/at/on (position) 1

A

In



in a room  
in a building  
in a box



in a garden  
in a town/country  
in the city centre



in a pool  
in the sea  
in a river

- There's no-one **in the room** / **in the building** / **in the garden**.
- What have you got **in your hand** / **in your mouth**?
- When we were **in Italy**, we spent a few days **in Venice**.
- I have a friend who lives **in a small village in the mountains**.
- There were some people swimming **in the pool** / **in the sea** / **in the river**.

B

At



at the bus stop  
at the door  
at the window



at the roundabout

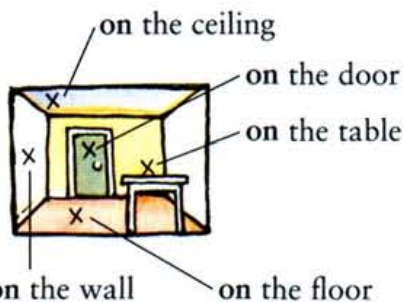


at reception

- Do you know that man standing **at the door** / **at the window**?
- Turn left **at the traffic lights** / **at the church** / **at the roundabout**.
- We have to get off the bus **at the next stop**.
- When you leave the hotel, please leave your key **at reception**. (= at the reception desk)

C

On



on the ceiling  
on the door  
on the table  
on the wall  
on the floor



on her nose



on a page



on an island

- I sat **on the floor** / **on the ground** / **on the grass** / **on the beach** / **on a chair**.
- There's a dirty mark **on the wall** / **on the ceiling** / **on your nose** / **on your shirt**.
- Have you seen the notice **on the notice board** / **on the door**?
- You'll find details of TV programmes **on page seven** (of the newspaper).
- The hotel is **on a small island** in the middle of the lake.

D

Compare **in** and **at**:

- There were a lot of people **in the shop**. It was very crowded.  
Go along this road, then turn left **at the shop**.
- I'll meet you **in the hotel lobby**.  
I'll meet you **at the entrance to the hotel**.

Compare **in** and **on**:

- There is some water **in the bottle**.  
There is a label **on the bottle**.

Compare **at** and **on**:









- There is somebody **at the door**. Shall I go and see who it is?  
There is a notice **on the door**. It says 'Do not disturb'.



in the bottle

on the bottle

123.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1</p>  <p>(bottle)</p> | <p>2</p>  <p>(arm)</p>   | <p>3</p>  <p>(traffic lights)</p> | <p>4</p>  <p>(door)</p>  |
| <p>5</p>  <p>(wall)</p>   | <p>6</p>  <p>(Paris)</p> | <p>7</p>  <p>(gate)</p>           | <p>8</p>  <p>(beach)</p> |

- 1 Where's the label? On the bottle.
- 2 Where's the fly? .....
- 3 Where is the car waiting? .....
- 4 a Where's the notice? .....
- b Where's the key? .....
- 5 Where are the shelves? .....
- 6 Where's the Eiffel Tower? .....
- 7 a Where's the man standing? .....
- b Where's the bird? .....
- 8 Where are the children playing? .....

123.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

|            |                      |               |                 |
|------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| the window | your coffee          | the mountains | that tree       |
| my guitar  | <del>the river</del> | the island    | the next garage |

- 1 Look at those people swimming in the river.
- 2 One of the strings ..... is broken.
- 3 There's something wrong with the car. We'd better stop .....
- 4 Would you like sugar ..... ?
- 5 The leaves ..... are a beautiful colour.
- 6 Last year we had a wonderful skiing holiday .....
- 7 There's nobody living ..... . It's uninhabited.
- 8 He spends most of the day sitting ..... and looking outside.

123.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- 1 There was a long queue of people at the bus stop.
- 2 Nicola was wearing a silver ring ..... her little finger.
- 3 There was an accident ..... the crossroads this morning.
- 4 I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name ..... the door.
- 5 There are some beautiful trees ..... the park.
- 6 You'll find the sports results ..... the back page of the newspaper.
- 7 I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting ..... a desk.
- 8 My brother lives ..... a small village ..... the south-west of England.
- 9 The man the police are looking for has a scar ..... his right cheek.
- 10 The headquarters of the company are ..... Milan.
- 11 I like that picture hanging ..... the wall ..... the kitchen.
- 12 If you come here by bus, get off ..... the stop after the traffic lights.

# In/at/on (position) 2

A

We say that somebody/something is:

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| in a line / in a row / in a queue                          | in bed                              |
| in the sky / in the world                                  | in the country / in the countryside |
| in an office / in a department                             | in a photograph / in a picture      |
| in a book / in a (news)paper / in a magazine / in a letter |                                     |

- When I go to the cinema, I like to sit **in the front row**.
- James isn't up yet. He's still **in bed**.
- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud **in the sky**.
- I've just started working **in the sales department**.
- Who is the woman **in that photograph**?
- Have you seen this picture **in today's paper**?



in a row

B

|   |   |
|---|---|
| on the left / on the right  | on the left-hand side / right-hand side |
| on the ground floor / on the first floor / on the second floor etc. |   |
| on a map / on a menu / on a list                                    |   |
| on a farm   |   |

- In Britain we drive **on the left**. (*or ... on the left-hand side.*)
- Our flat is **on the second floor** of the building.
- Here's a shopping list. Don't buy anything that's not **on the list**.
- Have you ever worked **on a farm**?

We say that a place is **on a river / on a road / on the coast**:

- Budapest is **on the (river) Danube**.
- Portsmouth is **on the south coast** of England.

Also **on the way**:

- We stopped at a small village **on the way** to London.



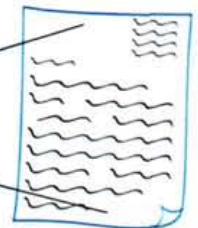
C

**at the top (of) / at the bottom (of) / at the end (of)**

- Write your name **at the top of the page**.
- Jane's house is **at the other end of the street**.

at the top (of the page)

at the bottom (of the page)



D

**in the front / in the back of a car**

- I was sitting **in the back** (of the car) when we crashed.

**at the front / at the back of a building / theatre / group of people etc.**

- The garden is **at the back of the house**.
- Let's sit **at the front** (of the cinema).
- We were **at the back**, so we couldn't see very well.

**on the front / on the back of a letter / piece of paper etc.**

- I wrote the date **on the back of the photograph**.



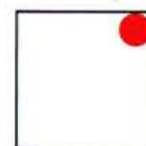
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**in the corner of a room**

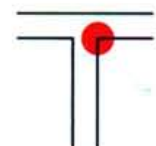
- The television is **in the corner** of the room.

**at the corner or on the corner of a street**

- There is a post box **at/on the corner** of the street.

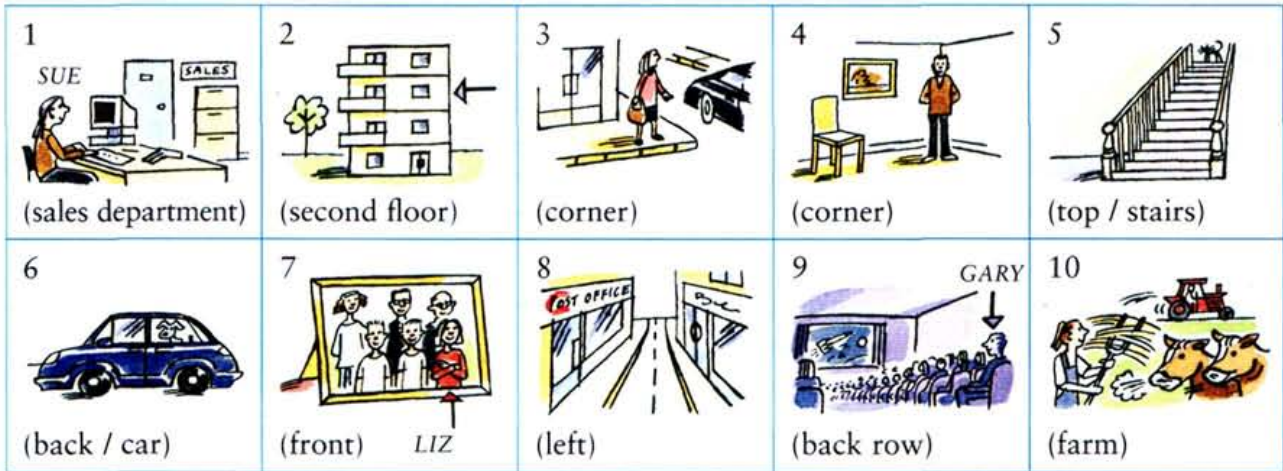


in the corner



at/on the corner

124.1 Answer the questions about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- Where does Sue work? In the sales department.
- Sue lives in this building. Where's her flat exactly? .....
- Where is the woman standing? .....
- Where is the man standing? .....
- Where's the cat? .....
- Where's the dog? .....
- Liz is in this group of people. Where is she? .....
- Where's the post office? .....
- Gary is at the cinema. Where is he sitting? .....
- Where does Kate work? .....

124.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the west coast      the world      the back of the class      ~~the sky~~  
the front row      the right      the back of this card      the way to work

- It was a lovely day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.
- In most countries people drive .....
- What is the tallest building ..... ?
- I usually buy a newspaper ..... in the morning.
- San Francisco is ..... of the United States.
- We went to the theatre last night. We had seats .....
- I couldn't hear the teacher. She spoke quietly and I was sitting .....
- I don't have your address. Could you write it ..... ?

124.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- Write your name at the top of the page.
- Is your sister ..... this photograph? I don't recognise her.
- I didn't feel very well when I woke up, so I stayed ..... bed.
- We normally use the front entrance to the building, but there's another one ..... the back.
- Is there anything interesting ..... the paper today?
- There was a list of names, but my name wasn't ..... the list.
- ..... the end of the street, there is a path leading to the river.
- I love to look up at the stars ..... the sky at night.
- When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to sit ..... the front.
- It's a very small village. You probably won't find it ..... your map.
- Joe works ..... the furniture department of a large store.
- Paris is ..... the river Seine.
- I don't like cities. I'd much prefer to live ..... the country.
- My office is ..... the top floor. It's ..... the left as you come out of the lift.

## In/at/on (position) 3

## A

**In hospital / at home etc.**

We say that somebody is **in hospital / in prison / in jail**:

- Ann's mother is **in hospital**.

We say that somebody is **at home / at work / at school / at university / at college**:

- I'll be **at work** until 5.30, but I'll be **at home** all evening.
- Julia is studying chemistry **at university**.

*Also* **at sea** (= on a voyage). Compare **at sea** and **in the sea**:

- It was a long voyage. We were **at sea** for 30 days.
- I love swimming **in the sea**.

## B

**At a party / at a concert etc.**

We say that somebody is **at an event (at a party / at a conference etc.)**:

- Were there many people **at the party / at the meeting / at the wedding?**
- I saw Steve **at a football match / at a concert** on Saturday.

## C

**In and at for buildings**

You can often use **in** or **at** with buildings. For example, you can eat **in a restaurant** or **at a restaurant**; you can buy something **in a supermarket** or **at a supermarket**. We usually say **at** when we say where an event takes place (for example: a concert, a film, a party, a meeting):

- We went to a concert **at the Royal Festival Hall**.
- The meeting took place **at the company's head office** in Frankfurt.

We say **at the station / at the airport**:

- Don't meet me **at the station**. I can get a taxi.

We say **at somebody's house**:

- I was **at Sue's house** last night. *or* I was **at Sue's** last night.

*Also* **at the doctor's, at the hairdresser's** etc.

We use **in** when we are thinking about the building itself. Compare:

- We had dinner **at the hotel**.  
All the rooms **in the hotel** have air conditioning. (*not* at the hotel)
- I was **at Sue's (house)** last night.  
It's always cold **in Sue's house**. The heating doesn't work very well. (*not* at Sue's house)

## D

**In and at for towns etc.**

We normally use **in** with cities, towns and villages:

- Sam's parents live **in Nottingham**. (*not* at Nottingham)
- The Louvre is a famous art museum **in Paris**. (*not* at Paris)

But you can use **at** *or* **in** when you think of the place as *a point or station on a journey*:

- Does this train stop **at (or in) Nottingham?** (= at Nottingham station)
- We stopped **at (or in)** a small **village** on the way to London.

## E

**On a bus / in a car etc.**

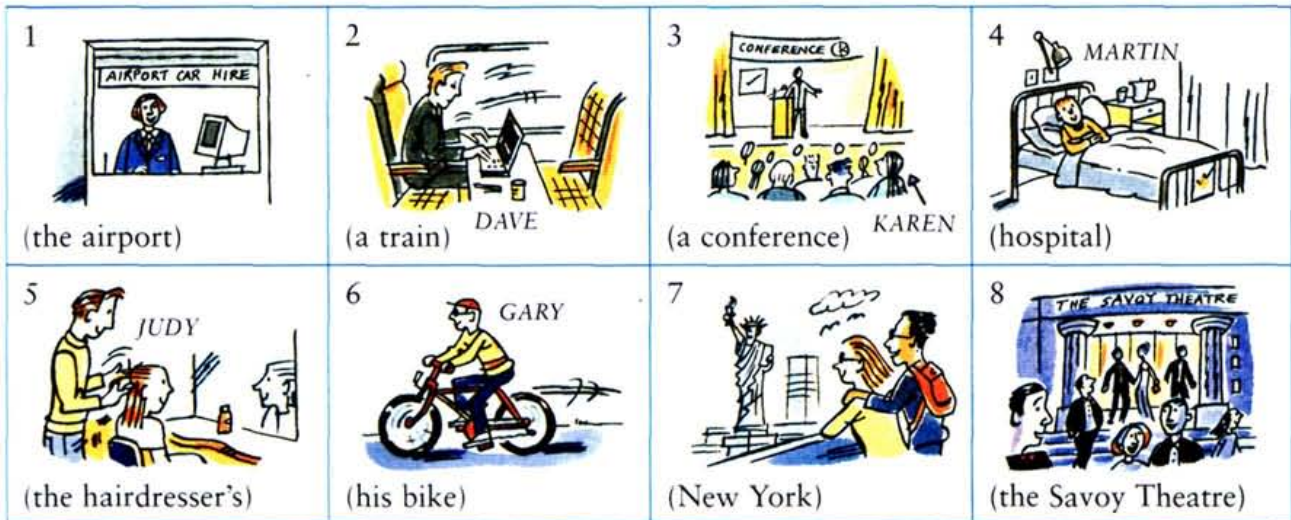
We usually say **on a bus / on a train / on a plane / on a ship** *but* **in a car / in a taxi**:

- The bus** was very full. There were too many people **on it**.
- Mary arrived **in a taxi**.

We say **on a bike** (= bicycle) / **on a motorbike** / **on a horse**:

- Jane passed me **on her bike**.

125.1 Complete the sentences about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.



- 1 You can hire a car at the airport .      5 Judy is .....
- 2 Dave is .....
- 3 Karen is .....
- 4 Martin is .....
- 6 I saw Gary .....
- 7 We spent a few days .....
- 8 We went to a show .....

125.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

|           |          |        |                        |                   |
|-----------|----------|--------|------------------------|-------------------|
| sea       | hospital | a taxi | <del>the station</del> | the cinema        |
| the plane | school   | prison | the airport            | the sports centre |

- 1 My train arrives at 11.30. Can you meet me at the station ?
- 2 We walked to the restaurant, but we went home .....
- 3 I'd like to see a film. What's on ..... this week?
- 4 Some people are ..... for crimes that they did not commit.
- 5 'What does your sister do? Has she got a job?' 'No, she's still .....
- 6 I play basketball ..... on Friday evenings.
- 7 A friend of mine was injured in an accident a few days ago. She's still .....
- 8 Our flight was delayed. We had to wait ..... for four hours.
- 9 I enjoyed the flight, but the food ..... wasn't very nice.
- 10 Bill works on ships. He is ..... most of the time.

125.3 Complete these sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

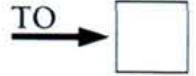
- 1 We went to a concert at the Royal Festival Hall.
- 2 It was a very slow train. It stopped ..... every station.
- 3 My parents live ..... a small village about 50 miles from London.
- 4 I haven't seen Kate for some time. I last saw her ..... David's wedding.
- 5 We stayed ..... a very nice hotel when we were ..... Amsterdam.
- 6 There were fifty rooms ..... the hotel.
- 7 I don't know where my umbrella is. Perhaps I left it ..... the bus.
- 8 I wasn't in when you phoned. I was ..... my sister's house.
- 9 There must be somebody ..... the house. The lights are on.
- 10 The exhibition ..... the Museum of Modern Art finished on Saturday.
- 11 Shall we travel ..... your car or mine?
- 12 What are you doing ..... home? I expected you to be ..... work.
- 13 'Did you like the film?' 'Yes, but it was too hot ..... the cinema.'
- 14 Paul lives ..... Birmingham. He's a student ..... Birmingham University.

# To/at/in/into

A

We say **go/come/travel** (etc.) to a place or event. For example:

|                                 |                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| go to China                     | go to bed       | come to my house     |
| go back to Italy                | go to the bank  | be taken to hospital |
| return to London                | go to a concert | be sent to prison    |
| welcome (somebody) to (a place) |                 | drive to the airport |



- When are your friends **going back to** Italy? (*not* going back in Italy)
- Three people were injured in the accident and **taken to** hospital.
- Welcome to** our country! (*not* Welcome in)

In the same way we say 'a **journey to** / a **trip to** / a **visit to** / on my way to ...' etc. :

- Did you enjoy your **trip to** Paris / your **visit to** the zoo?

Compare **to** (for *movement*) and **in/at** (for *position*):

- They are **going to** France. *but* They **live in** France.
- Can you **come to** the party? *but* I'll see you **at** the party.

B

**Been to**

We say '**been to** (a place)':

- I've **been to** Italy four times, but I've never **been to** Rome.
- Amanda has never **been to** a football match in her life.

C

**Get and arrive**

We say **get to** (a place):

- What time did they **get to** London / to work / to the party?

But we say **arrive in ...** or **arrive at ...** (*not* arrive to).

We say **arrive in** a town or country:

- They **arrived in** London / **in** Spain a week ago.

For other places (buildings etc.) or events, we say **arrive at**:

- When did they **arrive at** the hotel / at the airport / at the party?

D

**Home**

We say: **go home** / **come home** / **get home** / **arrive home** / **on the way home** etc. (no preposition).

We do not say 'to home':

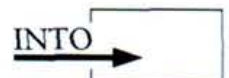
- I'm tired. Let's **go home** now. (*not* go to home)
- I met Linda **on my way home**. (*not* my way to home)

E

**Into**

**Go into, get into ...** etc. = enter (a room / a building / a car etc.):

- I opened the door, **went into** the room and sat down.
- A bird **flew into** the kitchen through the window.



With some verbs (especially **go/get/put**) we often use **in** (instead of **into**):

- She **got in** the car and drove away. (*or* She **got into** the car ...)
- I read the letter and **put it back in** the envelope.

The opposite of **into** is **out of**:

- She **got out of** the car and **went into** a shop.

We usually say 'get **on/off** a bus / a train / a plane' (*not usually* get into/out of):

- She **got on** the bus and I never saw her again.

**126.1 Put in to/at/in/into where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.**

- 1 Three people were taken to hospital after the accident.
- 2 I met Kate on my way - home. (*no preposition*)
- 3 We left our luggage ..... the station and went to find something to eat.
- 4 Shall we take a taxi ..... the station or shall we walk?
- 5 I have to go ..... the bank today to change some money.
- 6 The river Rhine flows ..... the North Sea.
- 7 'Have you got your camera?' 'No, I left it ..... home.'
- 8 Have you ever been ..... China?
- 9 I had lost my key, but I managed to climb ..... the house through a window.
- 10 We got stuck in a traffic jam on our way ..... the airport.
- 11 We had lunch ..... the airport while we were waiting for our plane.
- 12 Welcome ..... the hotel. We hope you enjoy your stay here.
- 13 We drove along the main road for about a kilometre and then turned ..... a narrow side street.
- 14 Did you enjoy your visit ..... the zoo?
- 15 I'm tired. As soon as I get ..... home, I'm going ..... bed.
- 16 Marcel is French. He has just returned ..... France after two years ..... Brazil.
- 17 Carl was born ..... Chicago, but his family moved ..... New York when he was three. He still lives ..... New York.

**126.2 Have you been to these places? If so, how many times? Choose three of the places and write a sentence using been to.**

Athens    Australia    Ireland    Paris    Rome    Sweden    Tokyo    the United States

- 1 (*example answers*) I've never been to Australia. / I've been to Ireland once.
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

**126.3 Put in to/at/in where necessary. If no preposition is necessary, leave the space empty.**

- 1 What time does this train get to London?
- 2 What time does this train arrive ..... London?
- 3 What time did you get ..... home last night?
- 4 What time do you usually arrive ..... work in the morning?
- 5 When we got ..... the cinema, there was a long queue outside.
- 6 I arrived ..... home feeling very tired.

**126.4 Write sentences using got + into / out of / on / off.**

- 1 You were walking home. A friend passed you in her car. She saw you, stopped and offered you a lift. She opened the door. What did you do? I got into the car.
- 2 You were waiting for the bus. At last your bus came. The doors opened. What did you do then? I .....
- 3 You drove home in your car. You stopped outside your house and parked the car. What did you do then? .....
- 4 You were travelling by train to Manchester. When the train got to Manchester, what did you do? .....
- 5 You needed a taxi. After a few minutes a taxi stopped for you. You opened the door. What did you do then? .....
- 6 You were travelling by air. At the end of your flight, your plane landed at the airport and stopped. The doors were opened, you took your bag and stood up. What did you do then? .....

# In/at/on (other uses)

**A**

Expressions with **in**

**in the rain / in the sun** (= sunshine) / **in the shade** / **in the dark** / **in bad weather** etc.

- We sat **in the shade**. It was too hot to sit **in the sun**.
- Don't go out **in the rain**. Wait until it stops.

(write) **in ink** / **in biro** / **in pencil**

- When you do the exam, you're not allowed to write **in pencil**.

*Also* (write) **in words** / **in figures** / **in BLOCK CAPITALS** etc.

- Please write your name **in block capitals**.
- Write the story **in your own words**. (= don't copy somebody else)

(be/fall) **in love** (with somebody)

- Have you ever been **in love with** anybody?

**in** (my) **opinion**

- In my opinion**, the film wasn't very good.

**B**

**At the age of ...** etc.

We say '**at the age of 16 / at 120 miles an hour / at 100 degrees** etc.':

- Tracy left school **at 16**. *or ... at the age of 16.*
- The train was travelling **at 120 miles an hour**.
- Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.



**C**

**On holiday / on a tour** etc.

We say: (be/go) **on holiday** / **on business** / **on a trip** / **on a tour** / **on a cruise** etc.

- I'm going **on holiday** next week.
- Emma's away **on business** at the moment.
- One day I'd like to go **on a world tour**.

You can also say 'go to a place **for a holiday** / **for my holiday(s)**':

- Steve has gone to France **for a holiday**.

**D**

Other expressions with **on**

**on television** / **on the radio**

- I didn't watch the news **on television**, but I heard it **on the radio**.

**on the phone/telephone**

- I've never met her, but I've spoken to her **on the phone** a few times.

(be/go) **on strike**

- There are no trains today. The drivers are **on strike**.

(be/go) **on a diet**

- I've put on a lot of weight. I'll have to go **on a diet**.

(be) **on fire**

- Look! That car is **on fire**.

**on the whole** (= in general)

- Sometimes I have problems at work, but **on the whole** I enjoy my job.

**on purpose** (= intentionally)

- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to annoy you. I didn't do it **on purpose**.

## 127.1 Complete the sentences using in + the following:

|                |                     |           |            |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| block capitals | cold weather        | love      | my opinion |
| pencil         | <del>the rain</del> | the shade |            |

- Don't go out in the rain. Wait until it stops.
- Matt likes to keep warm, so he doesn't go out much .....
- If you write ..... and make a mistake, you can rub it out and correct it.
- They fell ..... almost immediately and were married in a few weeks.
- Please write your address clearly, preferably .....
- It's too hot in the sun. I'm going to sit .....
- Amanda thought the restaurant was OK, but ..... it wasn't very good.

## 127.2 Complete the sentences using on + the following:

|          |        |                 |         |           |
|----------|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| business | a diet | <del>fire</del> | holiday | the phone |
| purpose  | strike | television      | a tour  | the whole |

- Look! That car is on fire! Somebody call the fire brigade.
- Workers at the factory have gone ..... for better pay and conditions.
- Soon after we arrived, we were taken ..... of the city.
- I feel lazy this evening. Is there anything worth watching ..... ?
- I'm sorry. It was an accident. I didn't do it .....
- Richard has put on a lot of weight recently. I think he should go .....
- Jane's job involves a lot of travelling. She often has to go away .....
- A: I'm going ..... next week.  
B: Where are you going? Somewhere nice?
- A: Is Sarah here?  
B: Yes, but she's ..... at the moment. She won't be long.
- A: How was your exam?  
B: Well, there were some difficult questions, but ..... it was OK.

## 127.3 Complete the sentences with on, in, at or for.

- Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
- When I was 14, I went ..... a trip to France organised by my school.
- There was panic when people realised that the building was ..... fire.
- Julia's grandmother died recently ..... the age of 79.
- Can you turn the light on, please? I don't want to sit ..... the dark.
- We didn't go ..... holiday last year. We stayed at home.
- I'm going to Switzerland ..... a short holiday next month.
- I won't be here next week. I'll be ..... holiday.
- Technology has developed ..... great speed.
- Alan got married ..... 17, which is rather young to get married.
- I heard an interesting programme ..... the radio this morning.
- ..... my opinion, violent films should not be shown ..... television.
- I wouldn't like to go ..... a cruise. I think I'd get bored.
- I mustn't eat too much. I'm supposed to be ..... a diet.
- I wouldn't like his job. He spends most of his time talking ..... the phone.
- The earth travels round the sun ..... 107,000 kilometres an hour.
- 'Did you enjoy your holiday?' 'Not every minute, but ..... the whole, yes.'
- When you write a cheque, you have to write the amount ..... words and figures.

## By

**A**

We use **by** in many expressions to say how we do something. For example, you can:

- send something **by post**                      contact somebody **by phone / by email / by fax**
- do something **by hand**                      pay **by cheque / by credit card**
- Can I pay **by credit card**?
- You can contact me **by phone, by fax or by email**.

But we say **pay cash** or **pay in cash** (*not* by cash).

We also say **by mistake / by accident / by chance**:

- We hadn't arranged to meet. We met **by chance**.

But we say 'do something **on purpose**' (= you mean to do it):

- I didn't do it **on purpose**. It was an accident.

Note that we say **by chance, by cheque** etc. (*not* by the chance / by a cheque). In these expressions we use **by + noun** without **the** or **a**.

**B**

In the same way we use **by ...** to say how somebody travels:

- by car / by train / by plane / by boat / by ship / by bus / by bike** etc.
- by road / by rail / by air / by sea / by underground**

- Joanne usually goes to work **by bus**.
- Do you prefer to travel **by air or by train**?

But we say **on foot**:

- Did you come here **by car or on foot**?

You cannot use **by** if you say **my car / the train / a taxi** etc. We use **by + noun** without 'a/the/my' etc. We say:

- by car**    *but*    **in my car** (*not* by my car)
- by train**    *but*    **on the train** (*not* by the train)

We use **in** for cars and taxis:

- They didn't come **in their car**. They came **in a taxi**.

We use **on** for bicycles and public transport (buses, trains etc.):

- We travelled **on the 6.45 train**.

**C**

We say that 'something is done **by somebody/something**' (*passive*):

- Have you ever been bitten **by a dog**?
- The programme was watched **by millions of people**.

Compare **by** and **with**:

- The door must have been opened **with a key**. (*not* by a key)  
(= somebody used a key to open it)
- The door must have been opened **by somebody** with a key.

We say 'a play **by Shakespeare**' / 'a painting **by Rembrandt**' / 'a novel **by Tolstoy**' etc. :

- Have you read anything **by Ernest Hemingway**?

**D**

**By** also means 'beside':

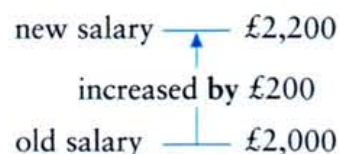
- Come and sit **by me**. (= beside me)
- 'Where's the light switch?' 'By **the door**.'



**E**

Note the following use of **by**:

- Clare's salary has just gone up **from £2,000** a month to **£2,200**. So it has increased **by £200 / by ten per cent**.
- Carl and Mike had a race over 200 metres. Carl won **by about three metres**.



## 128.1 Complete the sentences using by + the following:

~~chance~~      credit card      hand      mistake      satellite

- We hadn't arranged to meet. We met by chance.
- I didn't intend to take your umbrella. I took it .....
- Don't put the sweater in the washing machine. It has to be washed .....
- I don't need cash. I can pay the bill .....
- The two cities were connected ..... for a television programme.

## 128.2 Put in by, in or on.

- Joanne usually goes to work by bus.
- I saw Jane this morning. She was ..... the bus.
- How did you get here? Did you come ..... train?
- I decided not to go ..... car. I went ..... my bike instead.
- I didn't feel like walking home, so I came home ..... a taxi.
- Sorry we're late. We missed the bus, so we had to come ..... foot.
- How long does it take to cross the Atlantic ..... ship?

## 128.3 Write three sentences like the examples. Write about a song, a painting, a film, a book etc.

- War and Peace is a book by Tolstoy.
- Romeo and Juliet is a play by Shakespeare.
- .....
- .....
- .....

## 128.4 Put in by, in, on or with.

- Have you ever been bitten by a dog?
- The plane was badly damaged ..... lightning.
- We managed to put the fire out ..... a fire extinguisher.
- Who is that man standing ..... the window?
- These photographs were taken ..... a friend of mine.
- I don't mind going ..... car, but I don't want to go ..... your car.
- There was a small table ..... the bed ..... a lamp and a clock ..... it.

## 128.5 All these sentences have a mistake. Correct them.

- Did you come here by Kate's car or yours? in Kate's car
- I don't like travelling on bus. ....
- These photographs were taken by a very good camera. ....
- I know this music is from Beethoven, but I can't remember what it's called. ....
- I couldn't pay by cash – I didn't have any money on me. ....
- We lost the game only because of a mistake of one of our players. ....

## 128.6 Complete the sentences using by.

- Clare's salary was £2,000 a month. Now it is £2,200.  
Her salary has increased by £200 a month.
- My daily newspaper used to cost 60 pence. From today it costs 70 pence.  
The price has gone up .....
- There was an election. Helen won. She got 25 votes and Norman got 23.  
Helen won .....
- I went to Kate's house to see her, but she had gone out five minutes before I arrived.  
I missed .....

## UNIT 121

## 121.1

- 2 at night
- 3 in the evening
- 4 on 21 July 1969
- 5 at the same time
- 6 in the 1920s
- 7 in about 20 minutes
- 8 at the moment
- 9 in the Middle Ages
- 10 in 11 seconds
- 11 (on) Saturdays

## 121.2

- 2 I last saw her **on** Tuesday. *or*  
I last saw her Tuesday.
- 3 in
- 4 At
- 5 on
- 6 in
- 7 in
- 8 at
- 9 on
- 10 at
- 11 in
- 12 at
- 13 on
- 14 in
- 15 **On** Saturday night *or*  
Saturday night ... **at** midnight
- 16 **at** 5 o'clock **in** the morning
- 17 **on** 7 January ... **in** April
- 18 at home **on** Tuesday morning  
*or* at home Tuesday morning  
... **in** the afternoon

## 121.3

- 3 a
- 4 *both*
- 5 b
- 6 b
- 7 *both*
- 8 a
- 9 b
- 10 a

## UNIT 122

## 122.1

- 2 on time
- 3 in time
- 4 on time
- 5 in time
- 6 on time
- 7 in time
- 8 in time
- 9 on time

## 122.2

- 2 I got home just in time.
- 3 I stopped him just in time.
- 4 I got to the cinema just in time for the beginning of the film.

## 122.3

- 2 at the end of the month
- 3 at the end of the course

- 4 at the end of the race
- 5 at the end of the interview

## 122.4

- 2 In the end she resigned (from her job).
- 3 In the end I gave up (trying to learn German).
- 4 In the end we decided not to go (to the party). *or*  
In the end we didn't go (to the party).

## 122.5

- 2 In
- 3 at ... at
- 4 in
- 5 in
- 6 at
- 7 in
- 8 at
- 9 in

## UNIT 123

## 123.1

- 2 On his arm. *or*  
On the man's arm.
- 3 At the traffic lights.
- 4 a On the door.  
b In the door.
- 5 On the wall.
- 6 In Paris.
- 7 a At the gate.  
b On the gate.
- 8 On the beach.

## 123.2

- 2 on my guitar
- 3 at the next garage
- 4 in your coffee
- 5 on that tree
- 6 in the mountains
- 7 on the island
- 8 at the window

## 123.3

- 2 on
- 3 at
- 4 on
- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 at
- 8 **in** a small village **in** the south-west
- 9 on
- 10 in
- 11 **on** the wall **in** the kitchen
- 12 at

## UNIT 124

## 124.1

- 2 On the second floor.
- 3 At/On the corner.
- 4 In the corner.
- 5 At the top of the stairs.
- 6 In the back of the car.
- 7 At the front.

- 8 On the left.
- 9 In the back row.
- 10 On a farm.

## 124.2

- 2 on the right
- 3 in the world
- 4 on the way to work
- 5 on the west coast
- 6 in the front row
- 7 at the back of the class
- 6 on the back of this card

## 124.3

- 2 in
- 3 in
- 4 at
- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 At
- 8 in
- 9 in
- 10 on
- 11 in
- 12 on
- 13 in
- 14 on ... on

## UNIT 125

## 125.1

- 2 on a train
- 3 at a conference
- 4 in hospital
- 5 at the hairdresser's
- 6 on his bike
- 7 in New York
- 8 at the Savoy Theatre

## 125.2

- 2 in a taxi
- 3 at the cinema
- 4 in prison
- 5 at school
- 6 at the sports centre
- 7 in hospital
- 8 at the airport
- 9 on the plane
- 10 at sea

## 125.3

- 2 at
- 3 in
- 4 at
- 5 **at/in** a very nice hotel ... **in** Amsterdam
- 6 in
- 7 on
- 8 at
- 9 in
- 10 at
- 11 in
- 12 at ... at
- 13 in
- 14 **in** Birmingham ... **at** Birmingham University

**UNIT 126**

**126.1**

- 3 at
- 4 to
- 5 to
- 6 into
- 7 at
- 8 to
- 9 into
- 10 to
- 11 at
- 12 to
- 13 into
- 14 to
- 15 get home ... going to bed
- 16 returned to France ... two years in Brazil
- 17 born in Chicago ... moved to New York ... lives in New York

**126.2**

*Example answers:*

- 2-4 I've been to Sweden once.  
I've never been to the United States.  
I've been to Paris a few times.

**126.3**

- 2 in
- 3 -
- 4 at
- 5 to
- 6 -

**126.4**

- 2 I got on the bus.
- 3 I got out of the car.
- 4 I got off the train.
- 5 I got into the taxi. *or* I got in the taxi.
- 6 I got off the plane.

**UNIT 127**

**127.1**

- 2 in cold weather
- 3 in pencil
- 4 in love
- 5 in block capitals
- 6 in the shade
- 7 in my opinion

**127.2**

- 2 on strike
- 3 on a tour
- 4 on television
- 5 on purpose
- 6 on a diet
- 7 on business
- 8 on holiday
- 9 on the phone
- 10 on the whole

**127.3**

- 2 on
- 3 on
- 4 at

- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 for *or* on
- 8 on
- 9 at
- 10 at
- 11 on
- 12 In my opinion ... on television
- 13 on
- 14 on
- 15 on
- 16 at
- 17 on
- 18 in

**UNIT 128**

**128.1**

- 2 by mistake
- 3 by hand
- 4 by credit card
- 5 by satellite

**128.2**

- 2 on
- 3 by
- 4 by car ... on my bike
- 5 in
- 6 on
- 7 by

**128.3**

*Example answers:*

- 3-5 *Ulysses* is a novel by James Joyce.
- Yesterday* is a song by Paul McCartney.
- Guernica* is a painting by Pablo Picasso.

**128.4**

- 2 by
- 3 with
- 4 by
- 5 by
- 6 by car ... in your car
- 7 by the bed with a lamp and a clock on it

**128.5**

- 2 travelling by bus *or* travelling on the bus *or* travelling on buses
- 3 taken with a very good camera
- 4 this music is by Beethoven
- 5 pay cash *or* pay in cash
- 6 a mistake by one of our players

**128.6**

- 2 The price has gone up by ten pence.
- 3 Helen won by two votes.
- 4 I missed her/Kate by five minutes.

**UNIT 129**

**129.1**

- 2 to the problem
- 3 with her brother
- 4 in the cost of living
- 5 to your question
- 6 for a new road
- 7 in/to working at home
- 8 in the number of people without jobs
- 9 for shoes like these any more
- 10 between your job and mine

**129.2**

- 2 invitation to
- 3 contact with
- 4 key to
- 5 cause of
- 6 reply to
- 7 connection between
- 8 pictures of
- 9 reason for
- 10 damage to

**129.3**

- 2 to
- 3 in
- 4 for
- 5 of
- 6 in *or* to
- 7 for
- 8 to *or* towards
- 9 with
- 10 in
- 11 to
- 12 of
- 13 for a rise in pay
- 14 to
- 15 with

**UNIT 130**

**130.1**

- 2 That was nice of her.
- 3 That was generous of him.
- 4 That wasn't very nice of them.
- 5 That's very kind of you.
- 6 That wasn't very polite of him.
- 7 That's a bit childish of them.

**130.2**

- 2 kind to
- 3 sorry for
- 4 annoyed with
- 5 annoyed about
- 6 impressed by/with
- 7 bored with (or bored by)
- 8 astonished at/by

**130.3**

- 2 of
- 3 to ... to
- 4 of
- 5 of
- 6 with
- 7 to
- 8 with