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A1 PREPOSITIONS ≈ 27 MIN

Prepositions of Place — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the basic map in with fresh office examples. Enclosure, surface, or point: you decide.

The basic map:	**in = enclosure · on = surface · at = point**	— plus	**position words** : next to, under, between, behind, in front of, near

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT: SPACE OR SURFACE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Say each word quietly. Does something belong **in** a space or container → left column. Does it lie or hang **on** a surface → right column. Picture the exact relationship, not just the noun!

envelope · whiteboard · lift · shelf · archive room · noticeboard · folder · screen · fridge · ceiling

IN + ENCLOSED SPACE	ON + SURFACE

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE LOCATION PHRASE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill in the fitting preposition or position word. Ask yourself each time: enclosure (**in**), surface (**on**), point (**at**) — or a relative position like **next to**?

01 The signed contracts are _____ the grey folder.

02 There's a sticky note _____ my monitor with today's deadline.

03 Please wait _____ the main entrance; I'll collect you there.

04 Mr. Okafor works _____ our Berlin branch.

05 Move the visitor chair _____ the coat rack — directly beside it.

06 The fire extinguisher hangs _____ the door and the window.

07 The manager's office is _____ the reception area, away from the noise.

08 A queue forms _____ the lift every morning at nine.

YOUR BUILD | 1 · SORTING | 2 · FILL-IN | 3 · CORRECT | 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one mistake in the location phrase. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 Her husband works by a big insurance company.

02 After the conference I stayed to home.

03 The bike stands next the entrance.

04 He parked the van before the building.

05 You'll find the copier in the left, next to the stairs.

06 The interview is at the small meeting room upstairs.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt. Use the basic map **in/on/at** and watch out for fixed phrases.

01 Your workspace: "There is a lamp … my desk." — where exactly is it?

02 Your meeting point: "Let's meet …" — where in the office do you meet?

03 Your employer: "I work …" — name your company or workplace.

04 Your week: "At work I …, and at the weekend I …"

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I use in for enclosed spaces and containers: "The contracts are in the folder."
- ☐ I use on for surfaces and at for points: "on the shelf", "at the entrance".
- ☐ I describe precise positions with under, next to, between, behind, in front of, and near.
- ☐ I know the fixed phrases "at home", "at work", and "on the left" — and I say "I work at …", not "I work by …".

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **in** the envelope
An envelope is a container — inside.

02 **on** the whiteboard
A whiteboard is a surface.

03 **in** the lift
A lift is an enclosed space.

04 **on** the shelf
A shelf is a surface.

05 **in** the archive room
A bounded room — inside.

06 **on** the noticeboard
A noticeboard acts as a surface.

07 **in** the folder
A folder is a container.

08 **on** the screen
A screen is a surface.

09 **in** the fridge
A fridge has an inside.

10 **on** the ceiling
The ceiling is a surface — contact with it.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 The signed contracts are **in** the grey folder.
A folder is a container — inside.

02 There's a sticky note **on** my monitor with today's deadline.
The monitor is the surface.

03 Please wait **at** the main entrance; I'll collect you there.
The entrance is a meeting point here.

04 Mr. Okafor works **at** our Berlin branch.
Workplace viewed as a point: at.

05 Move the visitor chair **next to** the coat rack — directly beside it.
The clue "directly beside" means next to.

06 The fire extinguisher hangs **between** the door and the window.
Two reference points — between.

07 The manager's office is **behind** the reception area, away from the noise.
At the back = behind.

08 A queue forms **in front of** the lift every morning at nine.
Ahead of it = in front of — one unit.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 Her husband works **at** a big insurance company.
The employer pattern takes at — do not transfer German bei as by.

02 After the conference I stayed **at** home.
Fixed phrase: at home — never "to home".

03 The bike stands next **to** the entrance.
"Next to" stays together as a unit.

04 He parked the van **in front of** the building.
For place, German vor = in front of; "before" expresses time.

05 You'll find the copier **on** the left, next to the stairs.
Fixed phrase: on the left.

06 The interview is **in** the small meeting room upstairs.
An enclosed room — in.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that enclosure, surface, or point matches the preposition and that the fixed phrases are correct.

01 "There is a lamp **next to** my desk."
Position word for directly beside.

02 "Let's meet **at** the coffee machine before lunch."
The coffee machine as a meeting point: at.

03 "I work **at** a small software company."
Employer pattern: at + company.

04 "**At work** I answer emails; **at the weekend** I ride my bike."
Two fixed phrases with at.

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