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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

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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.

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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.

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02 After the conference I stayed to home.

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03 The bike stands next the entrance.

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04 He parked the van before the building.

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

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06 The interview is at the small meeting room upstairs.

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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?

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

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

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

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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

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| 01 in the envelope
<i>An envelope is a container — inside.</i> | 06 on the noticeboard
<i>A noticeboard acts as a surface.</i> |
| 02 on the whiteboard
<i>A whiteboard is a surface.</i> | 07 in the folder
<i>A folder is a container.</i> |
| 03 in the lift
<i>A lift is an enclosed space.</i> | 08 on the screen
<i>A screen is a surface.</i> |
| 04 on the shelf
<i>A shelf is a surface.</i> | 09 in the fridge
<i>A fridge has an inside.</i> |
| 05 in the archive room
<i>A bounded room — inside.</i> | 10 on the ceiling
<i>The ceiling is a surface — contact with it.</i> |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 The signed contracts are in the grey folder.
<i>A folder is a container — inside.</i> | 05 Move the visitor chair next to the coat rack — directly beside it.
<i>The clue "directly beside" means next to.</i> |
| 02 There's a sticky note on my monitor with today's deadline.
<i>The monitor is the surface.</i> | 06 The fire extinguisher hangs between the door and the window.
<i>Two reference points — between.</i> |
| 03 Please wait at the main entrance; I'll collect you there.
<i>The entrance is a meeting point here.</i> | 07 The manager's office is behind the reception area, away from the noise.
<i>At the back = behind.</i> |
| 04 Mr. Okafor works at our Berlin branch.
<i>Workplace viewed as a point: at.</i> | 08 A queue forms in front of the lift every morning at nine.
<i>Ahead of it = in front of — one unit.</i> |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 Her husband works at a big insurance company.
<i>The employer pattern takes at — do not transfer German bei as by.</i> | 04 He parked the van in front of the building.
<i>For place, German vor = in front of; "before" expresses time.</i> |
| 02 After the conference I stayed at home.
<i>Fixed phrase: at home — never "to home".</i> | 05 You'll find the copier on the left, next to the stairs.
<i>Fixed phrase: on the left.</i> |
| 03 The bike stands next to the entrance.
<i>"Next to" stays together as a unit.</i> | 06 The interview is in the small meeting room upstairs.
<i>An enclosed room — in.</i> |

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

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| 01 "There is a lamp next to my desk."
<i>Position word for directly beside.</i> | 03 "I work at a small software company."
<i>Employer pattern: at + company.</i> |
| 02 "Let's meet at the coffee machine before lunch."
<i>The coffee machine as a meeting point: at.</i> | 04 " At work I answer emails; at the weekend I ride my bike."
<i>Two fixed phrases with at.</i> |

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