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IN - enclosed area	AT - specific location or point	ON - horizontal or vertical surface
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike is in his bedroom.• The dog is in his cage.• My suitcases are in the car.• The pizza is in the oven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm at John's house.• Gary is at work.• The children are at school.• Let's meet at the restaurant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The book is on the table.• I'm writing on the board.• What is on TV?• I hung a picture on the wall.

WHEN DO WE USE "IN"?

We use **"IN"** with **enclosed areas** or areas **within some type of boundary**. The opposite of **IN** is **OUT**

EXAMPLES USING "IN"

1. I put the letter in the envelope.
2. The keys are in my purse.
3. The bird is in a cage.
4. We live in Orlando in a house.
5. My mother-in-law lives in Brazil in an apartment.
6. The children are in the classroom.
7. The flowers are in the vase.

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■ WHEN DO WE USE “ON”?

We use **“ON”** when there is some type of contact with a **surface**. The opposite of **ON** is **OFF**

EXAMPLES USING “ON”

1. The book is on the table.
2. The flowers are on the shelf.
3. Please hang the painting on the wall.
4. He kissed me on the cheek/forehead/mouth.
5. There is a sign on the door.
6. We put the ornaments on the Christmas tree.

■ WHEN DO WE USE “AT”?

We use **“AT”** to give a **specific location** or **specific point**.

EXAMPLES USING “AT”

1. I'm at work.
2. The children are at school.
3. Are you at home? No, I'm at the mall.

DICA SOBRE “AT THE”

We usually use AT THE (library / restaurant / office / beach, etc.) to talk about where we are. However, with “school,” “church,” “work” and “home,” we don't use “the.” We say AT school, AT church, AT work, AT home.

■ COMPARING:

1. Kelly is at the beach. (specific location)
Kelly is on the beach. (surface)
2. The food is on the table. (surface)
Please sit at the table. (specific location)
3. There is a label on the water bottle. (surface)
There is water in the water bottle. (inside)
4. We are at the library. (specific location)
We are in the library. (inside)
5. There is a sign on the door. (surface)
There is someone at the door. (specific location)

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COMPARING

6. James is at school. (specific location)

James is in medical school. (enrolled in the program/course)

7. Please put the plant in the corner. (inside the corner space)

Turn right at the corner. (specific location)

There is a gas station on the corner of Adams and Lincoln Street. (surface of the corner)

8. I am boiling water on the stove. (surface)

I am baking cookies in the oven. (inside)

REVIEW:

- When we are talking about an enclosed space or within a boundary, we use **“IN”**
- When we are talking about a surface, we use **“ON”**
- When we are talking about a specific point or location, we use **“AT”**

EXCEPTIONS:

Talking about Transportation

IN	ON
the car the truck the submarine the hot air balloon	the bus the train a boat an airplane a bike a horse a motorcycle a skateboard a trolley a metro/subway

IN (inside)	AT (specific location)	ON (surface)
a house, an apartment, a condo, a city, a town, a country, the mountains	55 South Adams street (specific address)	a farm, the beach, an island, the 5th floor, Adams Street

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Talking about audiovisual material:

- ON TV, the radio, the internet, the phone, YouTube, FB, Instagram, twitter, Snapchat, etc.
- ON AIR = (live)

Examples:

- I posted a video **on** YouTube.
- I posted a photo **on** Facebook.
- I'm listening to a song **on** the radio.

****But if you are talking inside a specific video, song, picture, etc., use IN**

- I'm listening to a song on the radio, and **in** this song, the singer said...
- I'm watching a video on YouTube, but **in** this video, I'm learning about....
- I posted a video/photo on Instagram, and **in** that video/photo/those stories....

Talking about reading material:

Books, magazines, newspapers

- ON the cover of the newspaper, book or magazine, on page 9 of your textbooks (surface)
- IN a specific article/ blogpost/ book / newspaper (inside)
- AT the bottom/top of the page (specific location)

Ex. I read a really interesting article **in** the newspaper this morning. It's **on** page 3 **at** the top of the page.

In the house/At home

- ON the couch, table, stove
- IN the oven, the refrigerator, the microwave, bed

SUMMARY

- **IN** = inside a place
- **ON** = contact with the surface
- **AT** = location or specific point

...but don't forget about the exceptions! :)

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EXERCISES

Practice: Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

1. There are many different types of flowers ____ my garden.
2. What page are we ____ the book?
3. While I was waiting ____ the bus stop, it began to rain.
4. There is a big spider ____ the ceiling.
5. My parents live ____ a cottage ____ the mountains.
6. There isn't any more water ____ the water jug.
7. Look at the label ____ the box and tell me what it says.
8. What is the biggest desert ____ the world?
9. There are some children ____ the door. Maybe they are trick-or-treaters!
10. Did you see the notice ____ the wall?
11. When I went to Europe I spent a few days ____ Spain.
12. There are many Halloween decorations ____ the walls and ____ the door.
13. The woman has been sitting ____ that table all day.
14. Did you see the article about the hurricane ____ the newspaper?
15. I saw a really cute guy ____ the Halloween party last night.
16. Tom isn't feeling well. He's ____ bed.
17. I was ____ work until 10:00pm last night.
18. Did you see that crazy driver ____ a motorcycle? He nearly hit the woman ____ her bike.
19. Can you pick me up ____ the airport tomorrow morning?
20. Michelle is ____ school. She should be home in 5 minutes.

ANSWERS

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| 1. in | 11. in |
| 2. on, in | 12. on, on |
| 3. at | 13. at |
| 4. on | 14. in |
| 5. in, in | 15. at |
| 6. in | 16. in |
| 7. on | 17. at |
| 8. in | 18. on, on |
| 9. at | 19. at |
| 10. on | 20. at |

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4. Where's Michelle? - She's ____ the beach. **AT** (ou **ON** se quiser dizer que ela está deitada na areia - no superfície da praia, não no mar, etc.)
5. I spent the whole day _____ the library. **AT** (ou **IN** para dizer “dentro da biblioteca”)
6. My husband is ____ home ____ the kitchen. **AT; IN**
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