

Focus: In a room/building/garden, At a bus stop/door/junction, On a wall/ceiling/floor, Top/bottom/end, Left/right side, Corners, Media & Vehicles

In English, we use three main prepositions to say where something is: **in**, **at**, and **on**.

1. IN (Inside a space or container)

We use **in** when something is inside a 3D space, an area, or inside paper media.

| Context | Examples |
|------------------------|--|
| Enclosed Spaces | in a room, in a building, in a garden, in a box. |
| Paper Media | in a picture, in a photo, in a newspaper, in a book. |
| Inside Vehicles (Cars) | in the front of the car, in the back of the car. |
| Inside Corners | in the corner (of a room). |

2. ON (On a surface or line)

We use **on** when something is touching a flat surface, is on a line, or is on a digital screen.

| Context | Examples |
|---------------------|--|
| Surfaces | on the wall, on the ceiling, on the floor, on the table. |
| Printed Lists/Lines | on a map, on a menu, on a list. |
| Digital Media | on a website, on a page (web or book surface), on the internet. |
| Sides | on the left-hand side, on the right-hand side. |
| Outside Corners | on the corner (of a street). |

3. AT (At a specific point)

We use **at** when we view a location as a specific point, not inside it or on top of it.

| Context | Examples |
|---------------------|--|
| Specific Points | at the bus stop, at the door, at the junction (crossroads). |
| Specific Parts | at the top (of the page/stairs), at the bottom, at the end (of the road). |
| Events/Institutions | at work, at school, at a party, at home. |

Quick Summary

- The picture is **on** the wall. (Touching the surface)
- The dog is **in** the picture. (Inside the image)
- Someone is **at** the door. (Standing by the point of entry)

Practice

Instruction: Complete the sentences using the correct preposition: **in**, **at**, or **on**.

1. Look at the beautiful flowers _____ the garden.
2. Is there any interesting news _____ the newspaper today?
3. Please write your name _____ the top of the page.
4. I am waiting for the bus _____ the bus stop.
5. There is a large clock _____ the wall in the kitchen.
6. The children are sitting _____ the back of the car.
7. Can you find the restaurant _____ this map?
8. Who is that man standing _____ the door?
9. We found a lot of information _____ the website.
10. The bathroom is _____ the left-hand side of the corridor.
11. My favorite actor is _____ this photo.
12. The shop is located _____ the corner of the street.
13. There is a spider _____ the ceiling!
14. Please sit _____ the corner of the room and be quiet.
15. Turn right _____ the end of the road.

Answer Key

1. **in** (Enclosed space/area)
2. **in** (Paper media content)
3. **at** (Specific point on a page)
4. **at** (Specific point/location)
5. **on** (Surface)
6. **in** (Inside a car)
7. **on** (Printed surface/line)
8. **at** (Specific point)
9. **on** (Digital media)
10. **on** (Side/Orientation)
11. **in** (Visual media content)
12. **on** (Street corner - external)
13. **on** (Surface)
14. **in** (Room corner - internal)
15. **at** (Specific point)