



Prepositions of Place

Prepositions of place can be difficult - here's some help about using 'at', 'in' and 'on' when you're talking about where things are.

Basics:

If something is contained inside a box or a wide flat area, we use '**in**':

- **in** the newspaper
- **in** a cup
- **in** a bottle
- **in** bed
- **in** London
- **in** a book
- **in** a field
- **in** my stomach
- **in** a house
- **in** a drawer
- **in** a bag
- **in** a car
- **in** England
- **in** a pub
- **in** the sea
- **in** a river

If something is on a line or a horizontal or vertical surface, we use '**on**':

- **on** the table
- **on** the floor
- **on** my face
- **on** the page
- **on** a chair
- **on** the river
- **on** the ceiling
- **on** a bike
- **on** the wall
- **on** the window
- **on** a plate
- **on** the sofa
- **on** a bag
- **on** a t-shirt
- **on** a bottle
- **on** his foot



If something is at a point, (it could be a building) we use '**at**':

- **at** the airport
- **at** the table
- **at** the cinema
- **at** the bottom
- **at** the traffic lights
- **at** the back
- **at** university
- **at** the hospital
- **at** the door
- **at** the bus stop
- **at** the top
- **at** the pub
- **at** the front
- **at** school
- **at** the window
- **at** the piano

Here are some more common ones that don't really fit:

- **on** TV
- **on** the bus
- **on** a train
- **on** a plane
- **on** the radio
- **at** home
- **at** work