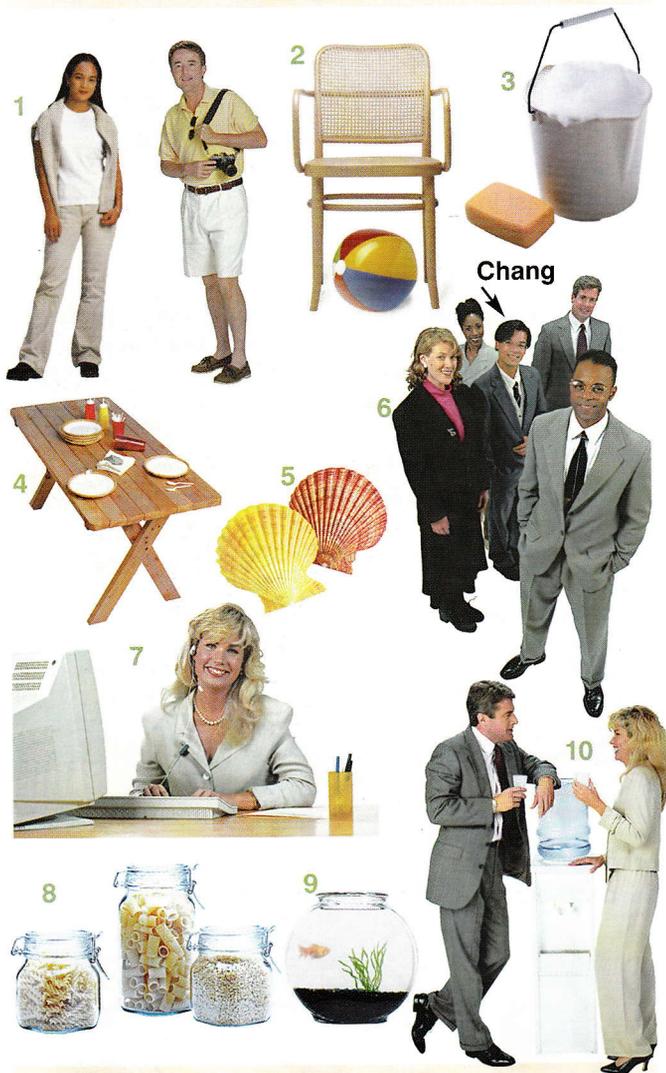


# UNIT 20

## Prepositions - Linking Words

### Prepositions of Place

We use prepositions of place to say where somebody or something is. These include: **on**, **under**, **in front of**, **behind**, **beside/next to**, **near**, **at**, **in**, **between**, **among** and **opposite**. We use **between** to say that somebody or something is in the middle of two other things or people. We use **among** to say that somebody or something is in the middle of three or more things or people.



- 1 The man is standing **near** the girl.
- 2 The ball is **under** the chair.
- 3 The sponge is **beside/next to** the bucket.
- 4 The plates are **on** the table.
- 5 The yellow shell is **in front of** the orange shell.  
The orange shell is **behind** the yellow one.
- 6 Chang is standing **among** his friends.
- 7 She is sitting **at** her desk.
- 8 The big jar is **between** the two small ones.
- 9 The goldfish is **in** the bowl.
- 10 They're standing **opposite** each other.

#### We use **at**:

- ◆ in the expressions:  
at school/university/college, at work, at home, at the top of ..., at the bottom of ...
- ◆ with addresses when we mention the house number.  
at 15, Rose Street but in Rose Street

#### We use **in**:

- ◆ in the expressions:  
in the middle, in the air, in the sky, in bed, in hospital, in prison, in a newspaper/magazine/book, in a picture, in a street, in the world
- ◆ with the names of cities, countries and continents.  
in Paris, in Turkey, in Europe, in Africa

#### We use **on**:

- ◆ in the expressions:  
on the left/right ,  
on the first/second, etc. floor,  
on a chair but in an armchair

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#### Underline the correct word(s).

- 1 There is a nice picture of our town **on/at/in** this magazine.
- 2 The dog is hiding **in/under/on** the chair.
- 3 Let's go shopping **in/at/opposite** Oxford Street.
- 4 Read the note **at/under/in** the bottom of the page.
- 5 The Jacksons live **at/in/on** the second floor.
- 6 John is **in/near/behind** bed at the moment. He's not feeling very well.
- 7 The bakery is **at/opposite/on** the park.
- 8 Grandmother loves sitting **on/at/in** her favourite armchair by the fire.
- 9 Sarah sits **under/beside/in** me at school.
- 10 There is a playground **at/under/near** the bank.
- 11 Look at the stars **between/in/at** the sky.
- 12 My house is **between/on/among** the bank and the post office.
- 13 After the party, there was rubbish **in/at/on** the floor.
- 14 Let's meet **on/between/at** the theatre.
- 15 There's a very interesting article about UFOs **in/on/at** the newspaper today.