

between, opposite, behind

Locating places and objects

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Locating places and objects

Common place prepositions include **in**, **on**, **under**, **behind**, **in front of**, **next to**, **opposite** and **between**. The following noun keeps its ordinary English form.

Between often links two places: **between the bank and the chemist's**. **Opposite the school** means across from it. British **chemist's** is an everyday word for a pharmacy.

Keep articles in a particular place phrase: **behind the computer**, **on the bench**. Direction words such as **upstairs** and **outside** can stand on their own.

Form	Example	Meaning
between	The post office is between the bank and the chemist's.	Locate it in the space separating the two places.
opposite	The school is opposite the bank.	Say the school is across from the bank.
behind	Milo is behind the computer.	Say Milo is at the back of the computer.
under	The key is under the table.	Say the key is below the table.

Form	Example	Meaning
of	Anne is in front of the house.	Complete the place preposition.
upstairs	Jack is upstairs.	Say Jack is on a higher floor.

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Locate it in the space separating the two places.

The school is opposite the bank.

Say the school is across from the bank.

Milo is behind the computer.

Say Milo is at the back of the computer.

The key is under the table.

Say the key is below the table.

Anne is in front of the house.

Complete the place preposition.

Jack is upstairs.

Say Jack is on a higher floor.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 The post office is between the bank and the chemist's.

Meaning: Locate it in the space separating the two places.

- 2 The school is opposite the bank.

Meaning: Say the school is across from the bank.

- 3 Milo is behind the computer.

Meaning: Say Milo is at the back of the computer.

- 4 The key is under the table.

Meaning: Say the key is below the table.

- 5 Anne is in front of the house.

Meaning: Complete the place preposition.

- 6 Jack is upstairs.

Meaning: Say Jack is on a higher floor.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 The post office is _____ the bank and the chemist's.

- ☐ A between
- ☐ B under
- ☐ C inside

Meaning: Locate it in the space separating the two places.

- 2 The school is _____ the bank.

- ☐ A through
- ☐ B opposite
- ☐ C into

Meaning: Say the school is across from the bank.

3 Milo is _____ the computer.

- ☐ A into
- ☐ B towards
- ☐ C behind

Meaning: Say Milo is at the back of the computer.

4 The key is _____ the table.

- ☐ A into
- ☐ B above
- ☐ C under

Meaning: Say the key is below the table.

5 Anne is in front _____ the house.

- ☐ A at
- ☐ B to
- ☐ C of

Meaning: Complete the place preposition.

6 Jack is _____.

- ☐ A upstairs
- ☐ B at upstairs
- ☐ C to upstairs

Meaning: Say Jack is on a higher floor.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

under between

The post office is _____ the bank and the chemist's.

Meaning: Locate it in the space separating the two places.

through opposite

The school is _____ the bank.

Meaning: Say the school is across from the bank.

towards behind

Milo is _____ the computer.

Meaning: Say Milo is at the back of the computer.

above under

The key is _____ the table.

Meaning: Say the key is below the table.

to of

Anne is in front _____ the house.

Meaning: Complete the place preposition.

to upstairs upstairs

Jack is _____.

Meaning: Say Jack is on a higher floor.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 The bank chemist's. and post is office the
between the
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Meaning: Locate it in the space separating the two places.

- 2 is opposite school the bank. The
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Meaning: Say the school is across from the bank.

3 computer. Milo the is behind

Meaning: Say Milo is at the back of the computer.

4 is The table. key the under

Meaning: Say the key is below the table.

5 the of is front house. in Anne

Meaning: Complete the place preposition.

6 Jack upstairs. is

Meaning: Say Jack is on a higher floor.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Locate it in the space separating the two places. You say:

- ☐ A The post office is under the bank and the chemist's.
- ☐ B The post office is between the bank and the chemist's.

2 Say the school is across from the bank. You say:

- ☐ A The school is through the bank.
- ☐ B The school is opposite the bank.

3 Say Milo is at the back of the computer. You say:

- ☐ A Milo is behind the computer.
- ☐ B Milo is towards the computer.

4 Say the key is below the table. You say:

- ☐ A The key is above the table.
- ☐ B The key is under the table.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① Anne is in front of the house. | ④ Say Jack is on a higher floor. |
| ② The post office is between the bank and the chemist's. | ⑤ Say Milo is at the back of the computer. |
| ③ Milo is behind the computer. | ⑥ Say the key is below the table. |
| ⑦ Jack is upstairs. | ⑧ Say the school is across from the bank. |
| ⑨ The key is under the table. | ⑩ Complete the place preposition. |
| ⑪ The school is opposite the bank. | ⑫ Locate it in the space separating the two places. |