

Fejn? Hawn, hemm, fil-kafetterija

Saying where

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

Arrival

Maltese

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To ask where, say **fejn?**: **Fejn toqgħod?** Where do you live? The answer can be one word: **hawn**, here, **hemm**, there, **fuq**, upstairs, **isfel**, downstairs.

WHERE?

Word	Example	Meaning
hawn	Ċikku? Hawn.	here • Ċikku? Here.
hemm	Hemm, fuq il-kafetterija.	there • Up there, above the café.
fuq	Ġorġ joqgħod fuq.	upstairs; on, above • Ġorġ lives upstairs.
isfel	Noqgħod isfel.	downstairs • I live downstairs.

Before a noun, **fuq** means on or above: **fuq il-kafetterija**, above the café. Four short prepositions join the article into one word: **fi**, in, becomes **fil-** • **bi**, with or by, becomes **bil-** • **għal**, to or for, becomes **għall-** • **minn**, from, becomes **mill-**. Before a sun letter they take its sound, as the article does: **fis-salott**, in the living room • **fid-dar**, in the house.

PREPOSITION AND ARTICLE IN ONE WORD

Preposition	With il-	Example	Meaning
fi	fil-	fil-kafetterija fis-salott	in in the café in the living room
bi	bil-	bil-lejl bil-ġuħ	with, by at night hungry (with hunger)
għal	għall-	għall-kafetterija	to, for to the café
minn	mill-	mill-kafetterija	from from the café

TIP

fis-sodda, in bed, and fid-dar, at home, work the same way.

Lina fil-kafetterija.

Lina is in the café.

Ċikku jorqod fis-salott.

Ċikku is asleep in the living room.

Marija toqgħod isfel, u Ġorġ fuq.

Marija lives downstairs, and Ġorġ upstairs.

Sejra (Sejjer) għall-kafetterija!

I'm going to the café!

GRAMMAR**G1) FIND THE WORDS**

Underline the words that say where.

- 1 Marija toqgħod isfel, u Ġorġ fuq.

Meaning: Marija lives downstairs, and Ġorġ upstairs.

- 2 Lina fil-kafetterija.

Meaning: Lina is in the café.

- 3 Ċikku jorqod fis-salott.

Meaning: Ċikku is asleep in the living room.

- 4 Hawn id-dar tiegħi, u hemm il-kafetterija.

Meaning: Here is my house, and there is the café.

G2) WHERE IS IT?

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Lina _____.

- ☐ A fil-kafetterija
- ☐ B bil-kafetterija

Meaning: Lina is in the café.

2 Ċikku jorqod _____.

- ☐ A fis-salott
- ☐ B fil-salott

Meaning: Ċikku is asleep in the living room.

3 Ġorġ idoqq _____.

- ☐ A bil-lejl
- ☐ B għall-lejl

Meaning: Ġorġ plays at night.

4 Sejra _____!

- ☐ A għall-kafetterija
- ☐ B bil-kafetterija

Meaning: I'm going to the café!

5 Iċ-ċavetta tiegħi _____!

- ☐ A fid-dar
- ☐ B fil-dar

Meaning: My key is in the house!

G3) WHO LIVES WHERE?

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

isfel fuq

Marija toqgħod _____.

Meaning: Marija lives downstairs.

isfel hemm hawn fuq

Ġorġ joqgħod _____, u Ċikku joqgħod _____ u
_____.

Meaning: Ġorġ lives upstairs, and Ċikku lives here and there.

fil-kafetterija għall-kafetterija

Lina _____ kull ġurnata.

Meaning: Lina is in the café every day.

G4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

1 int, toqgħod? fejn U

Meaning: And you, where do you live?

- 2 Marija toqgħod isfel.

Meaning: Marija lives downstairs.

- 3 Ċikku jorqod fis-salott.

Meaning: Ċikku is asleep in the living room.

- 4 hawn Ella tkun kull ġurnata.

Meaning: Ella is here every day.

G5) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Marija asks how you are. Say you're fine, and ask her back. You say:

- (A) Kif int?
- (B) Mhux tajjeb wisq. Il-lejl it-tajjeb.
- (C) Tajba, grazzi. U int?

2 Someone asks where the café is. It's downstairs. You say:

- ☐ A Il-kafetterija.
- ☐ B Fuq.
- ☐ C Isfel.

3 You want to know where Lina lives. You say:

- ☐ A Fejn toqgħod Lina?
- ☐ B Lina toqgħod fil-kafetterija.
- ☐ C Min toqgħod Lina?