

En la cocina, debajo de la mesa

Locating objects and identifying owners

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

The empty flat

Spanish

Put a place after en

En la cocina, en el baño and **en mi piso** locate things. Articles do not acquire special noun endings after **en**. A known object uses **estar**: **La mesa está en la cocina.**

More exact locations

Encima de means on top of, **debajo de** underneath, and **al lado de** next to. Use **de + the thing**: **debajo de la mesa**. **De + el** joins into **del**: **al lado del armario.**

La taza está encima de la mesa.

The cup is on the table.

Michi está debajo del sofá.

Michi is under the sofa.

La silla está al lado de la mesa.

The chair is next to the table.

Whose? de identifies the owner

La llave de Elvira means Elvira's key. A person's name normally has no article here. Ask **¿De quién es la mesa? — Es de Clara.**

GRAMMAR

G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: The cup is on the table.

1 La taza está _____ la mesa.

- ☐ A en
- ☐ B de
- ☐ C a

Meaning: Michi is under the sofa.

2 Michi está debajo _____ sofá.

- ☐ A al
- ☐ B de la
- ☐ C del

Meaning: The table belongs to Clara.

3 La mesa es _____ Clara.

- ☐ A en
- ☐ B a
- ☐ C de

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: The chair is next to the table.

del de la

La silla está al lado _____ mesa.

Meaning: The lamp is on the wardrobe.

de la del

La lámpara está encima _____ armario.

Meaning: Elvira's key is here.

a de

La llave _____ Elvira está aquí.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: Whose cup is this?

1

Meaning: Michi is under the table.

2

Meaning: The sofa is in the bathroom.

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G4) WHAT HELPS IN THIS SITUATION?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 **Clara cannot see the cat. You see him underneath the sofa. You say:**

- ☐ A Está debajo del sofá.
☐ B Es un gato.
☐ C Hay un sofá.

G5) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| ① al lado de la cama | ① A beside the bed |
| ② detrás de la puerta | ② B behind the door |
| ③ delante de la mesa | ③ C in front of the table |