Prepositions of Place

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2. Grammar Notes

A. Pattern

This English sentence pattern is often used to describe the location of objects:

There + is + a + [noun] + [preposition] + the + [noun].

There is a lamp on the end table.

There is a painting above the sofa.
B. Take Note!

Some English prepositions have similar meanings.

- Next to and beside have the same meaning.
- Above and over have similar meanings, but over is often used for movement.
- Under, beneath, and below have similar meanings.

The toaster is next to the kettle.

The toaster is beside the kettle.

There is a painting above the sofa.

The dog jumped over the coffee table.

The cat is under the bed.

The cat is beneath the bed.

The cat is below the bed.
3 Matchup

Draw a line from the preposition to the matching picture.

Ex: above

1. in front of
2. under
3. in
4. between
5. on
6. behind
7. across from
8. next to
9. near
Where’s My Pet?

Draw the pet in the correct place.

Ex. My bird is on the lamp.

1. My dog is on the rug.
2. My iguana is under the coffee table.
3. My hamster is next to the lamp.
4. My cat is on the recliner.
5. My bird is in the closet.
6. My dog is under the bed.
7. My iguana is in the cabinet.
8. My hamster is beside the remote control.
9. My cat is across from my dog.
10. My bird is between the fridge and the stove.
In the Kitchen

Look at the picture of the kitchen. Then choose the best answer for each sentence on the following page.
In the Kitchen cont.

1. The pot is ______ the pan.
   a) in front of
   b) in
   c) behind
   d) on

2. The kettle is ______ the microwave.
   a) across from
   b) under
   c) above
   d) next to

3. The pot is ______ the stove.
   a) in
   b) above
   c) on
   d) under

4. The cabinets are ______ the sink.
   a) under
   b) between
   c) behind
   d) on

5. The dishes are ______ the cabinet.
   a) in
   b) on
   c) across from
   d) behind

6. The kettle is ______ the microwave and the fridge.
   a) across from
   b) between
   c) next to
   d) beside

7. The fridge is ______ the stove.
   a) beside
   b) behind
   c) next to
   d) across from

8. The toaster is ______ the stove.
   a) on
   b) above
   c) beside
   d) across from

9. The sink is ______ the cabinets.
   a) in front of
   b) behind
   c) under
   d) above
In the Living Room

Choose the preposition that matches each picture. Use each preposition only once.

Prepositions:
- in
- on
- next to
- above
- under
- between
- in front of
- behind

1.
There is a couch next to the recliner.

2.
There is a painting under the sofa.

3.
There is a stereo under the recliner.

4.
There is a dog under the sofa.

5.
There is a remote control under the stereo cabinet.

6.
There is an end table under the sofa and the recliner.

7.
There is a coffee table under the sofa.

Sample
7 My Living Room

A. My Living Room

Draw the objects below in the empty square. When you’re finished drawing your living room, describe it to your partner (see page 11).
My Living Room cont.

B. My Partner’s Living Room

Listen as your partner describes his/her living room, and draw the objects to match the description in the empty box.

When you’re finished, compare pictures with your partner. Do your drawings match?
My Silly House

A. Writing

Fill in the blanks below. The sillier, the better!

My Silly House

I live in a strange house! In my bedroom, there is a __________ on my bed. (big animal)

I have a painting of a __________ above my desk, and the walls are painted __________ and __________. (color) (color)

In the living room, the TV is __________ the sofa. (preposition)

There is a __________ rug on the wall, and my pet __________ is sleeping on the stereo. (color) (small animal)

In my kitchen, the microwave is __________ the sink. (preposition)

There is a __________ in the fridge. Every morning, my mom makes __________ in the toaster. Do you want to come over to my silly house? (musical instrument) (food)
My Silly House cont.

B. Drawing

Now draw one of the rooms in your silly house!
9 Quiz

Fill in the blanks with a preposition.
Use a different preposition each time.

1. The painting is ____________ the bed.

2. The TV is ____________ the stereo.

3. The dishes are ____________ the cabinet.

4. The fridge is ____________ the stove.

5. The cat is ____________ the coffee table.

6. The dog is ____________ the sofa.

7. The rug is ____________ the TV.

8. The rug is ____________ the coffee table.

9. The recliner is ____________ the end table.

10. The kettle is ____________ the toaster and the microwave.
Lesson Description:
Students learn common prepositions of place through practice exercises and illustrations of furniture and animals. This lesson also includes speaking, writing, listening, and drawing activities.

Level: Beg – Low Int
Time: 2–3 hours
Tags: preposition, prepositions, prepositions of place, house, rooms, furniture, appliances, pets, grammar, grammar lesson, fun grammar lesson, speaking, writing, listening, drawing

Matchup

1. i  3. h  5. d  7. g  9. j
2. a  4. f  6. e  8. b

Where’s My Pet?
Check that your students have drawn the animals in the correct locations.

In the Kitchen

1. a  3. c  5. a  7. d  9. d
2. d  4. a  6. b  8. c

In the Living Room

1. next to  5. in
2. above  6. between
3. behind  7. in front of
4. on

My Living Room
Answers will vary. Monitor students for correct preposition usage as they explain their drawings to their partners.

My Silly House
Answers will vary. After they’ve filled in the blanks individually, have students read their stories out loud to a partner or group.

Quiz
Answers may vary. To make it easier, write these prepositions on the board and instruct students to use each preposition only once: in, on, next to/beside, near, above, under, across from, between, in front of, behind.

1. above  6. on
2. near  7. in front of
3. in  8. under
4. across from  9. next to/beside
5. behind  10. between

(continued on the next page...)
Answer Key cont.

Spelling Note:
This lesson shows the American spelling of the word Color. Most other English-speaking countries spell it this way: Colour. Make it a challenge for your students to find this word in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spelling.

Editor’s Notes:
1. Use the flashcards on the following pages for additional grammar/vocabulary practice. For flashcard activities, see our blog post: http://blog.esllibrary.com/2017/05/11/10-ways-to-use-flashcards-in-class/

2. For more practice with vocabulary on housing and furniture, see our Word Bank lessons on the home. https://eslibrary.com/courses/113/lessons

3. For a discussion on above vs. over and below vs. under/underneath, check out our blog post: http://blog.eslibrary.com/2016/02/25/commonly-confused-prepositions-above-over-below-under/