Prepositions of Place

1. Picture Dictionary
2. Grammar Notes
3. Matchup
4. Where’s My Pet?
5. In the Kitchen
6. In the Living Room
7. My Living Room
8. My Silly House
9. Quiz
A. Answer Key
B. Flashcards
### Picture Dictionary

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Preposition</th>
<th>Example</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>in</td>
<td>The dishes are in the cabinet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>on</td>
<td>The dog is on the sofa.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>next to / beside</td>
<td>The recliner is next to the end table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>near</td>
<td>The TV is near the stereo.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>above</td>
<td>The painting is above the bed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>under</td>
<td>The rug is under the coffee table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>across from</td>
<td>The fridge is across from the stove.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>between</td>
<td>The kettle is between the toaster and the microwave.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>in front of</td>
<td>The rug is in front of the TV.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>behind</td>
<td>The cat is behind the coffee table.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Copyright 2019, Red River Press Inc. For use by ESL Library members only. (BEG – LOW INT / VERSION 2.2)
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

Sample

Copyright 2019, Red River Press Inc. For use by ESL Library members only. (BEG - LOW INT / VERSION 2.2)
4. Where’s My Pet?

Draw the pet in the correct place.

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.
5 In the Kitchen

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

Ex The stove is _____ the toaster.
   a) above
   b) near
   c) behind
   d) on

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 flower pot is _____ the sink.
   a) in front of
   b) on
   c) under
   d) above

Copyright 2019, Red River Press Inc. For use by ESL Library members only. (BEG - LOW INT / VERSION 2.2)
6. 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

Ex

There is a cat **under** the coffee table.

1

There is a couch **next to** the recliner.

2

There is a painting **above** the sofa.

3

There is a stereo **in front of** the recliner.

4

There is a dog **on** the sofa.

5

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

6

There is an end table **behind** the sofa and the recliner.

7

There is a coffee table **in front of** the sofa.
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).
**7 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?
8. 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.

I have a painting of a _________________ above my desk, and the walls are painted _________________ and _________________.

In the living room, the TV is _________________ the sofa.

There is a _________________ rug on the wall, and my pet _________________ is sleeping on the stereo.

In my kitchen, the microwave is _________________ the sink.

There is a _________________ in the fridge. Every morning, my mom makes _________________ in the toaster. Do you want to come over to my silly house?
8 My Silly House cont.

B. Drawing

Now draw one of the rooms in your silly house!
**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.
Answer Key

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://esllibrary.com/courses/113/lessons

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