RULE SHEET

Prepositions of place: in, on, under …



A preposition of place is a word for a position. The prepositions are with be, with there is / there are and with have got: The cat **is under** the bed. **There's** a lamp **on** the desk. Ben **has got** a poster **on** the wall.

The prepositions

Preposition	Meaning	Example
in	inside	The milk is **in** the fridge.
on	on top of, touching	The book is **on** the table.
under	below	The shoes are **under** the bed.
behind	at the back of	The garden is **behind** the house.
in front of	outside, at the front (the opposite of behind)	The bus stop is **in front of** the school.
next to	at the side of	Tom is **next to** Mia.
between	in the middle of two things	The bank is **between** the café and the shop.
opposite	on the other side (of a street or a table)	The park is **opposite** the school.
near	not far from	The station is **near** the market.

Word pictures in this pack

- **book – lamp – clock** is a shelf from left to right: the lamp is **between** the book and the clock.
- **bank | road | park** is a street with two sides: the bank is **opposite** the park.

> **Careful!** in front **of** is three words, next **to** is two. between is for two things: between the café **and** the shop. A few places are with **at**: at home, at school, at the station. at the front of the class = in the front part of the room.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

in, on, under, behind, next to

1 Match the preposition with its meaning. Write the letter.

1. ☐ in
2. ☐ on
3. ☐ under
4. ☐ behind
5. ☐ next to

a. at the back of
b. inside
c. below
d. at the side of
e. on top of
f. on the other side of

2 Tick the correct preposition.

1. Bed: the cat is on top. The cat is _____ the bed. ○ on ○ under
2. Box: the pencils are inside. The pencils are _____ the box. ○ on ○ in
3. Chair: the bag is below. The bag is _____ the chair. ○ under ○ on
4. Door: the dog is at the back. The dog is _____ the door. ○ next to ○ behind
5. Row: Sam – Ruby. Ruby is _____ Sam. ○ next to ○ under
6. Wall: the poster is on it. The poster is _____ the wall. ○ in ○ on