

# Prepositions of Place (in, on, under, next to) – Test 1



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Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

## Part 1: Choose the preposition

Read the sentence and the context. Choose the correct preposition for the gap.

- The milk is cold. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the fridge.  
A on                      B in                      C under                      D next to
- I have a clock in my kitchen. It hangs \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.  
A in                      B under                      C on                      D next
- The dog sleeps \_\_\_\_\_ the table. The table is above him.  
A under                      B on                      C in                      D next to
- Tom and Anna are good friends. In class, Tom sits \_\_\_\_\_ Anna.  
A next                      B on                      C in                      D next to
- The children are \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom. The lesson starts now.  
A on                      B under                      C in                      D next
- Dinner is ready. Put the plates \_\_\_\_\_ the table, please.  
A on                      B in                      C under                      D next
- The bank and the supermarket are side by side on Green Street. The bank is \_\_\_\_\_ the supermarket.  
A in                      B next to                      C on                      D under
- I put my books \_\_\_\_\_ my school bag and close it.  
A on                      B next to                      C under                      D in
- It's raining! Come and stand \_\_\_\_\_ my umbrella.  
A in                      B on                      C under                      D next
- Maria is from Spain, but now she lives \_\_\_\_\_ London.  
A in                      B on                      C under                      D next to

## Part 2: Questions, negatives and common mistakes

Choose the correct sentence, word or answer. For 'Find the mistake', choose the part of the sentence that is wrong.

- Choose the correct sentence.  
A The book is in on the table.                      B The book is next the table.  
C The book is on the table.                      D The book is on table.
- "Is the cat in the garden?" "No, it \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. It's in the kitchen."  
A aren't                      B isn't                      C doesn't                      D not

13. "\_\_\_\_\_ the keys on the table?" "Yes, they are."  
**A** Is **B** Do **C** Does **D** Are
14. "Where \_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom?" "It's next to the bedroom."  
**A** is **B** are **C** do **D** in
15. Choose the correct question.  
**A** Are your bag under the chair? **B** Is your bag under the chair?  
**C** Is your bag under of the chair? **D** Your bag under the chair is?
16. "Where is the bus stop?" Choose the best answer.  
**A** Yes, it is. **B** It's next the park.  
**C** It's next to the park. **D** It's at next to the park.
17. Find the mistake: My dog sleeps under to the table.  
**A** My dog **B** sleeps **C** under to **D** the table
18. Find the mistake: Lucas sits next Emma in class.  
**A** next **B** Lucas **C** sits **D** in class
19. Choose the correct sentence.  
**A** There are a lamp next to the sofa. **B** There is a lamp next the sofa.  
**C** There is a lamp next to of the sofa. **D** There is a lamp next to the sofa.
20. "Where are my glasses?" "They \_\_\_\_\_ on the table. Look, they're in your bag!"  
**A** isn't **B** aren't **C** don't **D** not

### Part 3: Reading – My bedroom

Read the text. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

Hi, I'm Priya. This is my bedroom. It is small, but I love it.

My bed is next to the window. There is a big lamp on the desk, and my computer is on the desk too. My chair is next to the desk. My school bag is under the chair. My clothes are in the cupboard. There is a poster of a cat on the wall.

Where is my real cat, Coco? She isn't on the bed. She isn't in the cupboard. She is under the bed! She likes it there because it is dark and quiet. My books are on a shelf next to the door.

21. Where is Priya's bed?  
**A** It's under the window. **B** It's next to the window.  
**C** It's in the window. **D** It's on the window.
22. The lamp is \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.  
**A** on **B** in **C** under **D** next to
23. Where is Priya's school bag?  
**A** It's on the chair. **B** It's in the cupboard.  
**C** It's next to the door. **D** It's under the chair.
24. Priya's clothes are \_\_\_\_\_ the cupboard.  
**A** on **B** under **C** in **D** next to
25. What is on the wall?  
**A** Coco **B** a poster of a cat **C** the computer **D** the shelf

26. "Is Coco on the bed?"

**A** Yes, she is.

**B** No, she doesn't.

**C** No, she isn't.

**D** No, she not.

27. Where is Coco?

**A** She's under the bed.

**C** She's on the desk.

**B** She's in the cupboard.

**D** She's next to the window.

28. Priya's chair is \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.

**A** in

**B** on

**C** under

**D** next to

29. Where is the shelf with the books?

**A** It's under the door.

**C** It's in the door.

**B** It's next to the door.

**D** It's next the door.

30. Which sentence is true?

**A** The books are under the bed.

**C** The school bag is on the chair.

**B** The cat is in the cupboard.

**D** The computer is on the desk.

## Answer key – Prepositions of Place (in, on, under, next to) – Test 1

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 B  | 2 C  | 3 A  | 4 D  | 5 C  | 6 A  | 7 B  | 8 D  | 9 C  | 10 A |
| 11 C | 12 B | 13 D | 14 A | 15 B | 16 C | 17 C | 18 A | 19 D | 20 B |
| 21 B | 22 A | 23 D | 24 C | 25 B | 26 C | 27 A | 28 D | 29 B | 30 D |

### Explanations

- B** – Food and drinks are inside the fridge, so we use 'in'.
- C** – Things on the surface of a wall, like clocks and pictures, are 'on' the wall.
- A** – If the table is above the dog, the dog is 'under' the table.
- D** – Side by side is 'next to'. We always need 'to' after 'next'.
- C** – A classroom is a room, and people are inside it, so we use 'in'.
- A** – Plates go on the top surface of the table, so we use 'on'.
- B** – Two buildings side by side are 'next to' each other.
- D** – The books go inside the bag before you close it, so we use 'in'.
- C** – The umbrella is above you, so you stand 'under' it.
- A** – We use 'in' with cities and countries.
- C** – We use one preposition and 'the' before the noun: 'on the table'.
- B** – The negative of 'it is' is 'it isn't'.
- D** – 'Keys' is plural, so the question starts with 'Are'.
- A** – 'Bathroom' is singular, so we use 'Where is...?'.
- B** – Questions with 'be' start with 'Is' for one thing, and 'under' needs no 'of'.
- C** – A 'Where' question needs a place in the answer, and the correct form is 'next to'.
- C** – 'Under' does not take 'to'; the correct sentence is 'under the table'.
- A** – We must say 'next to Emma', not 'next Emma'.
- D** – 'A lamp' is singular, so 'There is', and the preposition is 'next to' with nothing else.
- B** – 'They' is plural, so the negative is 'they aren't'.
- B** – The text says: 'My bed is next to the window.'
- A** – The text says: 'There is a big lamp on the desk.'
- D** – The text says: 'My school bag is under the chair.'
- C** – The text says: 'My clothes are in the cupboard.'
- B** – The text says: 'There is a poster of a cat on the wall.'
- C** – Coco isn't on the bed, and the short answer to an 'Is...?' question is 'No, she isn't.'
- A** – The text says: 'She is under the bed!'
- D** – The text says: 'My chair is next to the desk.'
- B** – The text says the books are on a shelf next to the door.
- D** – The text says: 'My computer is on the desk too.'

**Notes for teachers:** Use this test after introducing in, on, under and next to with real objects in the classroom. It targets typical A1 errors, such as 'next' without 'to', 'in the wall' instead of 'on the wall', extra words like 'under to', and is/are agreement in questions and negatives. As a follow-up, ask students to describe their own bedroom or hide an object in the classroom for a 'Where is it?' game.