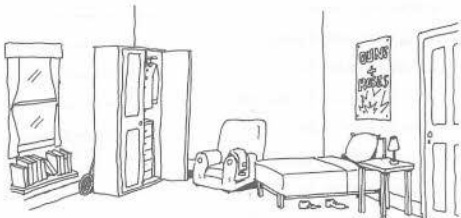


**1** You use prepositions of place to say where something is. Very common prepositions of place are:

above behind below beside between in near on opposite over under

There's a poster on the wall **above** the bed.  
 You can see some shoes **under** the bed.  
 The lamp is **on** the small table **beside** the bed.  
 The table is **between** the bed and the door.  
 The boy's clothes are in the wardrobe.  
 There is a tennis racket **behind** the wardrobe.  
 The wardrobe is **near** the window.  
 The window is **opposite** the door.  
 He has put his coat **over** the arm of the chair.  
 His books are on the shelf **below** the window.



**2** Some prepositions are more than one word:

I was standing **in front of** Jim.  
 Jim was **next to** Jane.

Warning: you say **opposite** NOT **opposite to**.



**3** You can also use adverbs and adverb phrases to say where someone or something is:

abroad away downstairs upstairs here indoors outdoors  
 there anywhere everywhere somewhere nowhere

Paddy doesn't live in England now. He lives **abroad**.  
 I'm sorry, you can't talk to Mr Smith. He is **away** now.  
 The kitchen is **downstairs**, but the dining-room is **upstairs**.  
 Sarah was **here**, but now she has gone.



'Mummy, I can't find my shirt **anywhere**!'  
 'I've looked **everywhere**.'  
 'Well, it must be **somewhere**.  
 Shirts don't just disappear.'  
 'It's **nowhere** I can think of.'



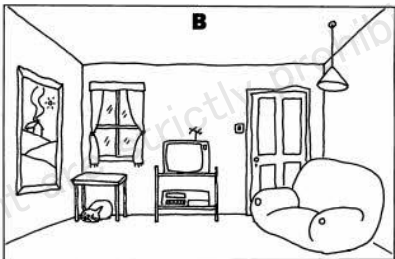
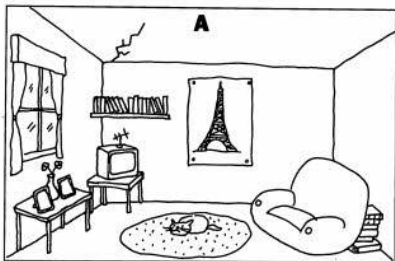
I'd love to visit the United States.  
 I've never been **there**.



I want a job where I can work **outdoors**. I need fresh air,  
 and I don't want to stay **indoors** all day.

**A** Look at the two pictures (A, B), then read the sentences and write whether they describe A or B:

- 1 The tv is on a table in the corner. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 There is a video below the tv. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 There are books on the shelf above the table. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The flowers are in a vase on the table next to the window. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The painting is opposite the sofa. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 There is a cat under the table. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 There is a poster of Paris on the wall. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 The flowers are between two photographs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 The light switch is next to the door. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 The tv is between the window and the door. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 The cat is on the rug between the table and the sofa. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 There are some books behind the sofa. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 The light is above the sofa. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 There is a crack in the ceiling above the tv. \_\_\_\_\_



**B** Complete the sentences using the words in brackets:

- 1 I haven't always lived \_\_\_\_\_ you know. I've also lived \_\_\_\_\_, in France, Germany and Thailand. (abroad/here)
- 2 It's very difficult to buy Italian ice-cream \_\_\_\_\_, that's why I always eat lots of it when I am \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday. (there/here)
- 3 I am going to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the office for a few hours now, but you won't be able to see me tomorrow, because I shall be \_\_\_\_\_ at a conference. (away/here)
- 4 Frances and Jonathan live \_\_\_\_\_, on the ground floor; my flat is on the first floor, and Mr Jones lives \_\_\_\_\_, on the second floor. (downstairs/upstairs)
- 5 I enjoy working \_\_\_\_\_, except when it is raining. Then I prefer to be \_\_\_\_\_. (indoors/outdoors)

**C** Do the same for these sentences, using these pairs:

under/beside on/under behind/next to

- 1 Keep your shoes \_\_\_\_\_ the bed, not \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- 2 If you want to see, put the desk \_\_\_\_\_ the light, not \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 3 I prefer to sit \_\_\_\_\_ my friends not \_\_\_\_\_ them.

