

## 1 You use **at** to talk about:

### a a specific place:

- I was **at my friend's house**.  
 We waited **at the bus stop** for ages.  
 Neil wasn't **at work**. I think he's ill.  
 Let's stay **at home** tonight.

### b an exact address:

- She lives **at 5, Regent Street**.

### c public places or institutions:

- I'll be **at the station** at nine.  
 We met **at university** in 1985.

### d shops or workplaces:

- He's **at the doctor's** now.

### e organised social events:

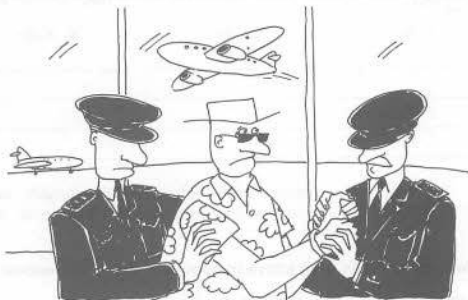
- Were you **at Steve's party**?  
 He spoke **at the conference** last year.  
 We were **at the theatre** last night.

### f a place on a journey:

- Does this bus stop **at Sainsbury's**?  
 The London train calls **at Bath and Reading**.  
 We stopped **at Oxford** on the way home.

### g parts of a place, with words like **back, front, top, bottom and end**:

- The Smiths live **at the end** of the road.  
 The bathroom is **at the top** of the house.  
 The answers are **at the back** of the book.



They arrested him **at the airport**.

## 2 You use **in** to talk about:

### a a country or geographical region:

- They're **in Spain** now.  
 We took these photos **in the mountains**.

### b a city, town, village or large space:

- My parents used to live **in Bath**.  
 They were walking **in the park**.  
 The college is **in Brighton**.  
 What shops are **in the area**?  
 The group are playing **in Leicester** tonight.

### c a road or street:

- They live **in Kingsdown Road**.  
 There are lots of shoe shops **in that street**.

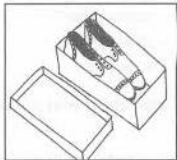
### d being inside a room or a building:

- It was very cold **in the school**.  
 I thought I heard a noise **in the kitchen**.

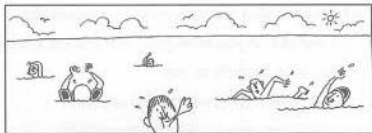
### e Containers or liquids:



There's a fly **in my coffee**.



The shoes were **in a box**.



We spent the afternoon swimming **in the sea**.

**A Complete the sentences by matching the two parts:**

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| 1 The title of the story was         | in the corridor.        |
| 2 I bought the souvenir when I was   | at the top of the page. |
| 3 The train stops                    | in bed.                 |
| 4 I keep my money                    | in the garden.          |
| 5 You'll find the telephone          | at Exeter and Plymouth. |
| 6 I spend about 38 hours a week      | in a box in my room.    |
| 7 The weather's so lovely, let's eat | in Paris last year.     |
| 8 Pauline's not feeling well. She's  | at work.                |

**B Here is a description of my house. Fill in the gaps using *in* or *at*:**

We live (1) \_\_\_\_\_ an old house (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of a quiet street (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Birmingham. There are four rooms downstairs. I have my study on the left (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the front of the house. There are a few chairs (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the room and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ one corner there is a table with a computer – that's where I do most of my work. The sitting room is also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the front of the house, on the right as you come in. The kitchen is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the back. It looks out over the garden. There is another small sitting room (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the back of the house. There are four bedrooms upstairs, two (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the front and two (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the back. There's a bathroom (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the corridor.



**C Now describe where you live:**

- Which rooms are at the front? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which rooms are at the back? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any of these objects? tv, phone, computer, washing machine. **Where are they in your house?**

**D Complete the sentences with *at/in*:**

- Hamid works \_\_\_\_\_ a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ Oxford.
- We live \_\_\_\_\_ number 32 Redland Road now.
- We had a wonderful week \_\_\_\_\_ Madrid.
- The accident happened because the driver didn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic lights.
- There's a supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
- We had great fun last night \_\_\_\_\_ Mick's party.
- Are there any fish \_\_\_\_\_ this river?
- It's too cold to go out. I'm staying \_\_\_\_\_ home tonight.