



Prepositions of Place

In

- Used with geographic places (continents, countries, regions, states, counties, cities)
Ex: *I live in Rock Hill, South Carolina.*
 - Used with enclosed areas (buildings, rooms, cars, etc.)
Ex: *They drove from campus to Florida in a minivan.*
Ex: *All of my classes this semester are in Bancroft Hall.*
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At

- Used with specific places and locations where an activity takes place
Ex: *I attend school at Winthrop University.*
Ex: *My sister will meet me at the airport.*
 - Used with specific street addresses
Ex: *She lives at 1207 8th Street.*
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On

- Used when the subject is on top of something
Ex: *My keys are on the dresser.*
- Used with streets, page numbers, and floors of buildings
Ex: *She lives on Charlotte Avenue.*
Ex: *The office is on the fourth floor.*

Helpful tips:

- Remember that “in” is used for general locations and time (months, seasons, years, cities, countries, etc.) while “at” is used for more specific locations and times (exact times or street addresses).
- If you want to tell both the original location and the final destination, use both “from” and “to.” For example, *I walked from my apartment to campus this morning.*

Above/Over

- Used when the subject is higher than another object
Ex: *His apartment is above the office.*
Ex: *The sign was hanging over the door.*
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Below/Under/Beneath

- Used when the subject is lower than another object
Ex: *After the flood, the water level fell below flood range.*
Ex: *Put the book under the table.*
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Near

- Used when the subject’s location is close to another object
Ex: *I am looking for a job near campus so I can walk to work.*
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To

- Used with a destination
Ex: *I went to West Virginia for spring break.*
Ex: *Will you drive me to the grocery store tonight?*
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From

- Used with the original (starting) location
Ex: *I saw your sister on my way home from school today.*