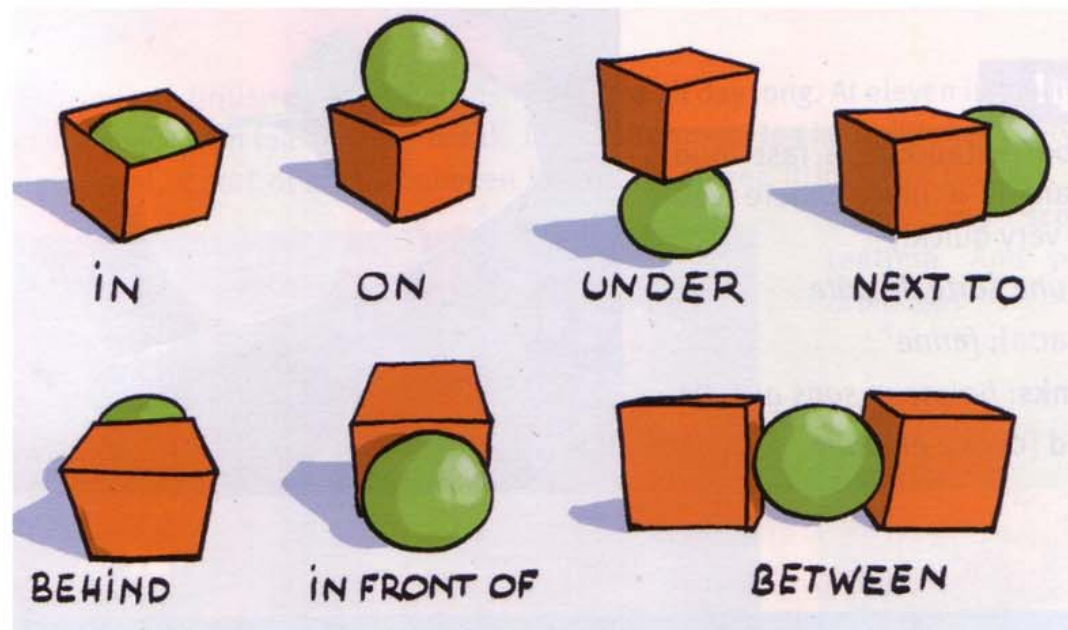


Prepositions of place

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be revising prepositions and in particular prepositions of place.

We will use our understanding of prepositions and see how they work within sentences.



What is a preposition of place?

Prepositions of place identify where an object or person is located, normally compared to another object or person.

In front of



A band plays their music in front of an audience.



The teacher stands in front of the students.



Behind

Behind is the opposite of *In front of*.

It means at the back (part) of something.



When the teacher writes on the whiteboard, the students are behind him (or her).



Who is that person behind the mask?



Between

Between normally refers to something in the middle of two objects or things (or places).



There are mountains between Chile and Argentina.



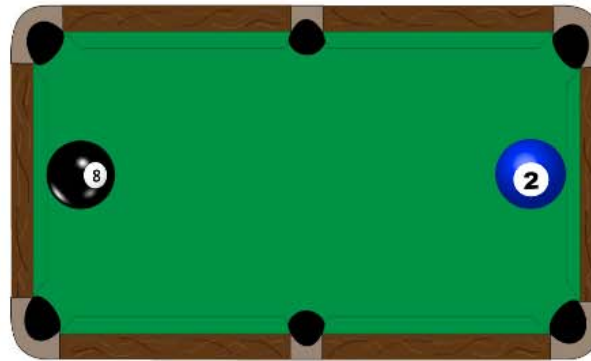
The number 5 is between the number 4 and 6.



Across From / Opposite

Across from or *Opposite* usually refers to something being in front of something else BUT there is normally something between them like a street or table.

I live across from a post office.



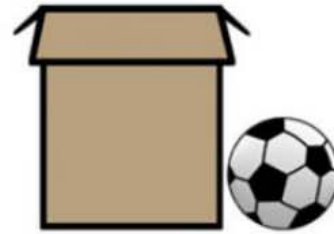
The chess players sat opposite each other.



Next to / Beside

Next to and *beside* mean the same thing. It usually refers to a thing (or person) that is at the side of another thing.

At a wedding, the bride stands next to the groom.



Guards stand next to the entrance of the bank.



Near / Close to

Near and *Close to* mean the same thing. It is similar to *next to* / *beside* but there is more of a distance between the two things.



The dog is near the owner.



This building is near a subway station.



On

On means that something is in a position that is physically touching, covering or attached to something.



The clock on the wall.



The paper is on the desk



Above / Over

Above and *Over* have a similar meaning. They both mean "at a higher position than X" but *above* normally refers to being directly (vertically) above you.

Planes normally fly above the clouds.



There is a halo over my head.



Over can also mean: physically covering the surface of something and is often used with the word *All* as in *All over*.

There is water all over the floor.



Under / Below

Under and *Below* have a similar meaning. They mean at a lower level. (Something is above it).



Your legs are under the table.

