Prepositions of Place

in

vehicles:
car, taxi, van, truck, canoe, kayak, helicopter, etc.

general:
neighborhood, city, state, country

where:
in/at the front/back (book/line)

locations:
lake, river, ocean, etc.
room, elevator, cave (enclosed)

more:
pocket, traffic, sky, etc.

on

vehicles:
bike, motorcycle, bus, boat, plane, train, etc.*

specific:
street, avenue, highway, etc.

where:
*on the left/right (**to** the left...)*

locations:
chair, couch, table, rug, carpet, step, floor, wall, mountain, etc.

technology:
TV, phone, computer, etc.

at

most specific:
address (1313 Mocking Bird Ln.)

where:
at the top/bottom (stairs/page)

locations:
home, work, movies, party, concert, grocery store, the door, the end of the street, etc.

** Remember, English has exceptions to rules. A person can be both **on** a boat (large vessel) or **in** a boat (small, no deck). Yes, we get **on** a plane/train, and then we are **in**(side) a plane/train. If you are **at** a movie, then you are a fan; however, if you are **in** a movie, then you you are an actor/actress! **On**/**in**/**at** a house can confuse English Language Learners. Thankfully, **on**/**at** the corner are both acceptable.*

on **at**

She is ____ the mall.

at

She is at the mall.

on at

The cat is

_____ a table.

on

The cat is on a table.

on at

She is ____ a horse.

on

She is on a horse.

on at

Let's meet

_____ school.

at

Let's meet at school.

on at

Let's get ____ the plane.

on

Let's get on the plane.

on **at**

They are ____ the airport.

at

They are at the airport.

on at

The elephant is ____ a ball.

on

The elephant is on a ball.

on at

They are ____ the front door.

at

They are at the front door.

on at

Her dad sat

_____ a chair.

on

Her dad sat on a chair.

on at

Why is he leaning ____ an angle?

at

Why is he leaning at an angle?

GOOD JOB!