

Prepositions of Place

in

on

at

vehicles:

*car, taxi, van, truck, canoe,
kayak, helicopter, etc.*

vehicles:

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

general:

neighborhood, city, state, country

specific:

street, avenue, highway, etc.

most specific:

address (1313 Mocking Bird Ln.)

where:

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

where:

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

where:

at the top/bottom (stairs/page)

locations:

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

locations:

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

locations:

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

more:

pocket, traffic, sky, etc.

technology:

TV, phone, computer, 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 are an actor/actress! On/in/at a house can confuse English Language Learners. Thankfully, on/at the corner are both acceptable.

in at



They are
_____ a van.

in



They are
in a van.

in at



**They are
the movies.**

at



They are
at the movies.

in at



**They are
_____ a car.**

in



They are
in a car.

in at



**She is
_____ the top
of the stairs.**

at



**She is
at the top
of the stairs.**

in at



**He is
_____ a canoe.**

in



He is
in a canoe.

in at



**He is
the bottom
of the stairs.**

at



He is at
the bottom
of the stairs.

in at



**She is
_____ a kayak.**

in



She is
in a kayak.

in at



She is
_____ work.

at



She is
at work.

in at



He is
home.

at



He is
at home.

in at



**They are
an ocean.**

in



They are
in an ocean.

in at



**Who is
the door?**

at



**Who is
at the door?**

in at



**You are
_____ a party.**

at



You are
at a party.

in at



**They are
an elevator.**

in



They are
in an elevator.

in at



**We are a
grocery store.**

at



**We are at a
grocery store.**

in at



They are
a concert.

at



**They are at
a concert.**

in at



**They live
1313 Mockingbird
Lane.**

at



They live **at
1313 Mockingbird
Lane.**

