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 in

The cat is

_____ a chair.

on

The cat is on a chair.

on in

She is

_____ a car.

in

She is

in a car.

on in

He is

_____ a car.

on

He is

on a car.

on in

He is

_____ a car.

in

He is

in a car.

on in

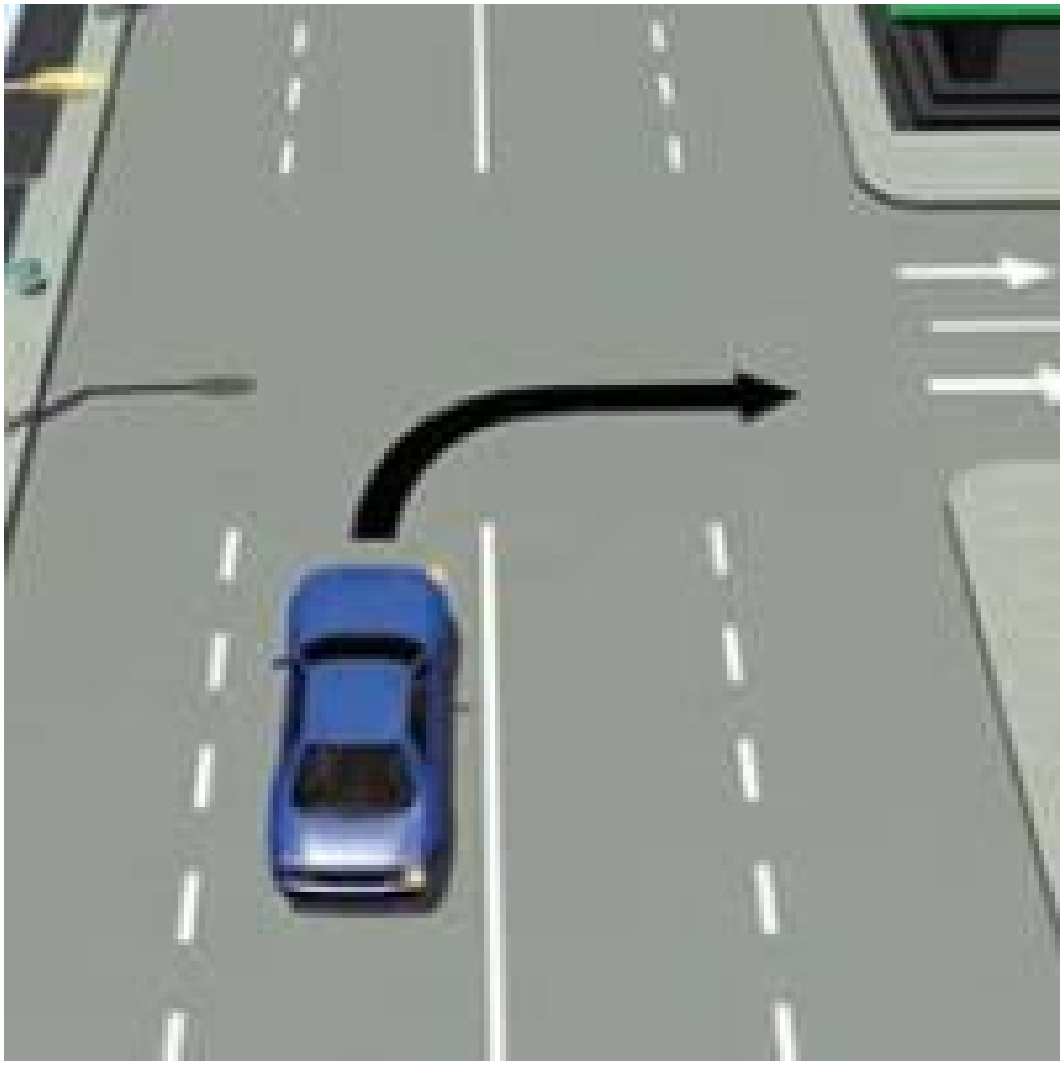
They are

_____ a van.

in

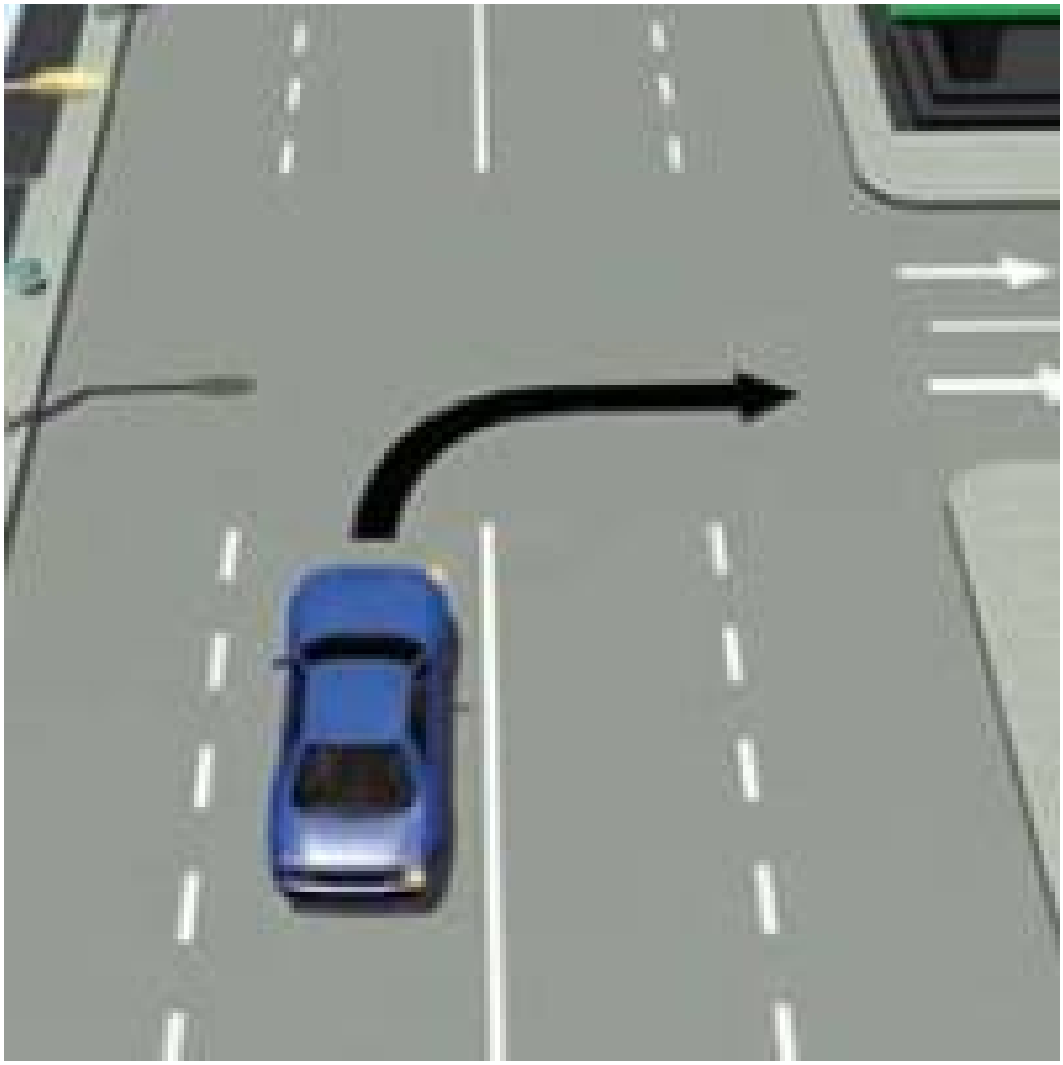
They are
in a van.

on in



I can turn ____ the next street.

on



I can turn on the next street.

on in

He is ___ a motorcycle.

on

He is on a motorcycle.

on in

She is

_____ a bike.

on

She is
on a bike.

on in

We live

_____ the city.

in

We live
in the city.

on in

The store is

_____ the right.

on

The store is on the right.

on in

The restroom is ___ the left.

on

The restroom is on the left.

on in

I am

_____ a cave.

in

I am

in a cave.

on in

The cat is

_____ a rug.

on

The cat is on a rug.

on in

She is

_____ a lake.

in

She is

in a lake.

on in

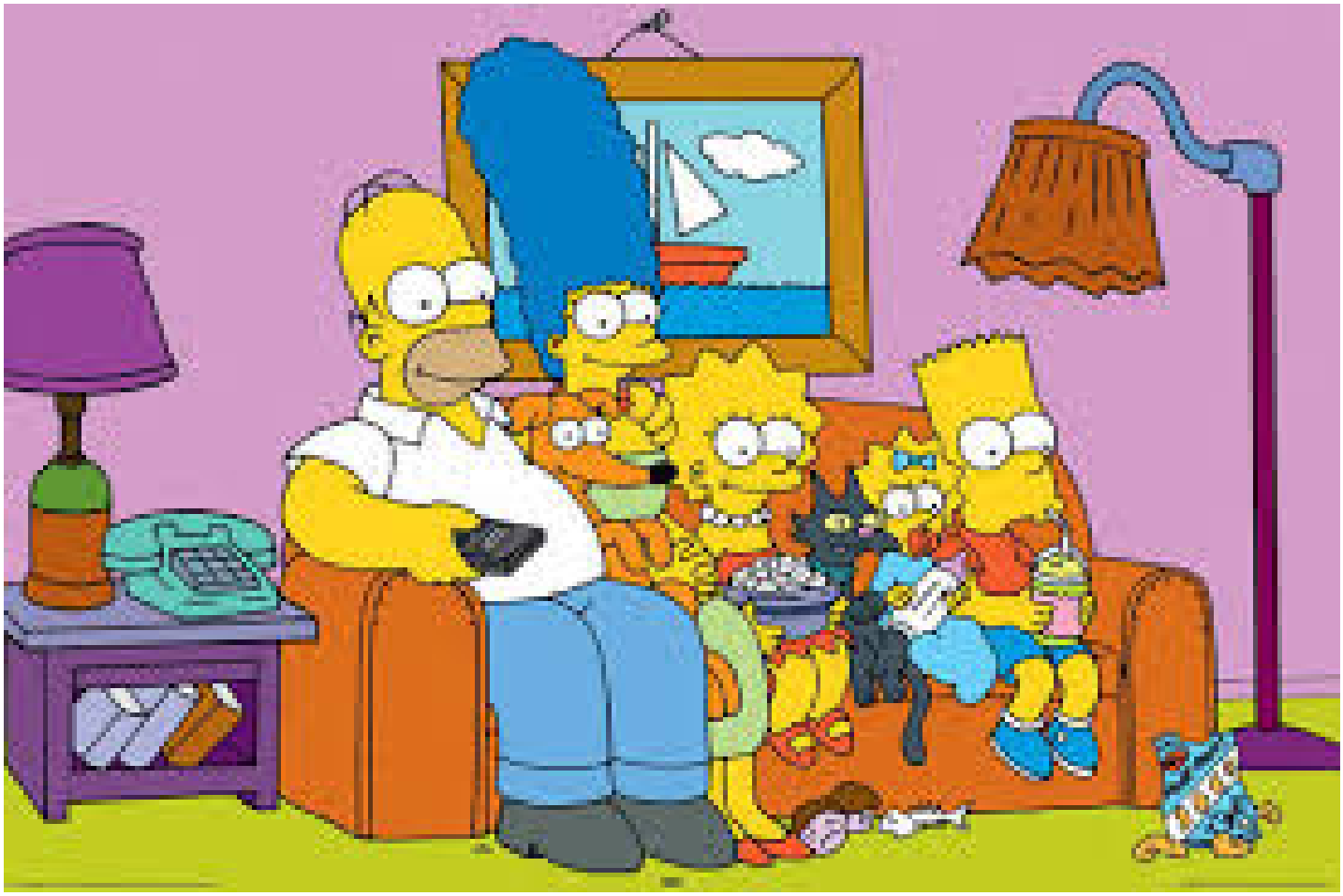
The dog is

_____ a carpet.

on

The dog is on a carpet.

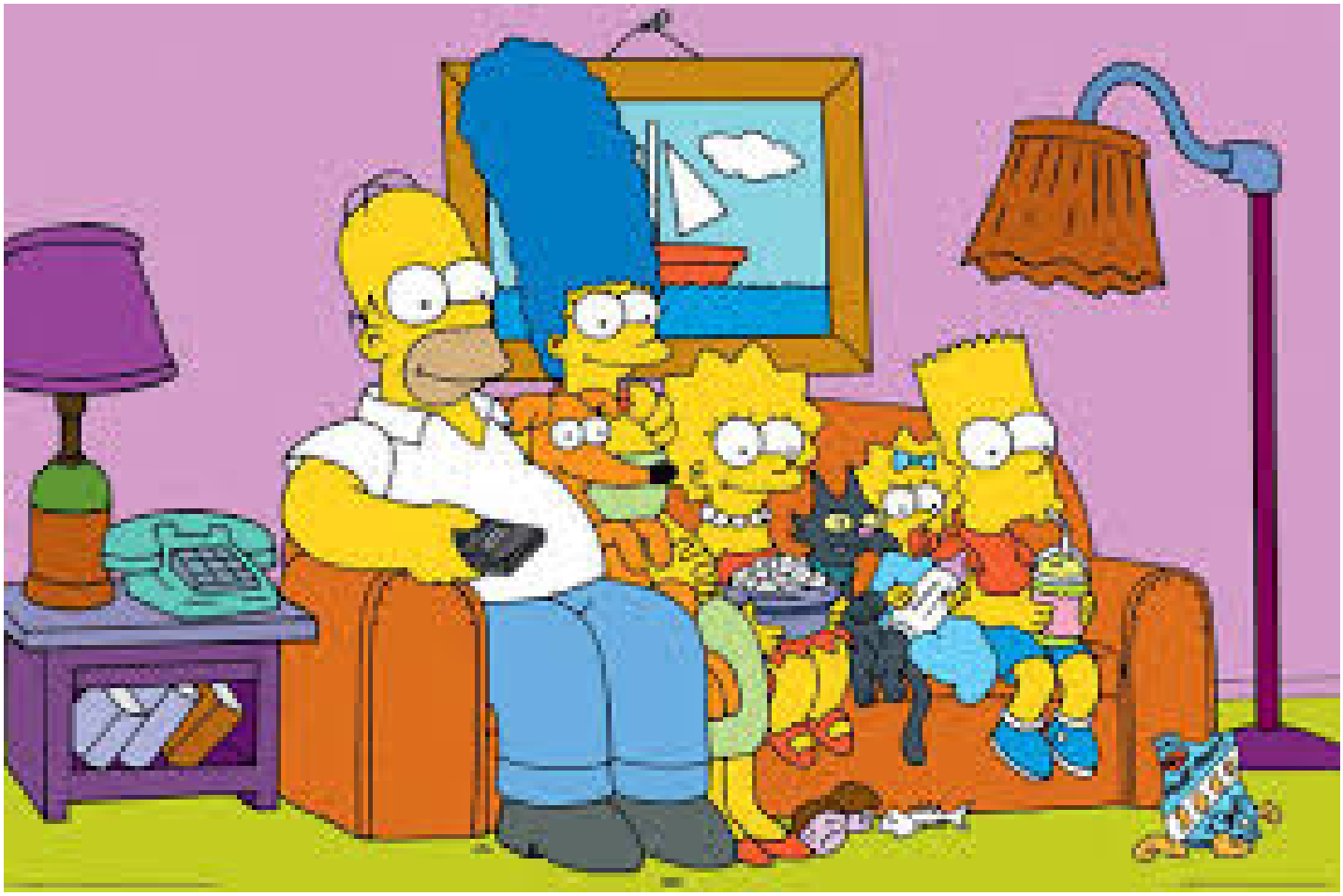
on in



They are

_____ a couch.

on



They are on a couch.

on in

I am

_____ a room.

in

I am

in a room.

on in

The ball is

_____ the floor.

on

The ball is on the floor.

on in

The painting is ____ the wall.

on

The painting is on the wall.

on in

He is

_____ a river.

in

He is

in a river.

on in

He is ___ a mountain.

on

He is on a mountain.

on in

What is ___ your pocket?

in

What is in your pocket?

on in

I need to get

___ the highway.

on

I need to get on the highway.

on in

We are stuck

_____ traffic.

in

We are stuck in traffic.

on in

The sun is

_____ the sky.

in

The sun is in the sky.

on in

Who is standing

_____ the corner?

on

Who is standing on the corner?

GOOD JOB!