

Where Is My Phone?

Lesson 9 · Prepositions of Place · A1 · 30 minutes

A1	GRAMMAR	BEGINNER	30 MIN
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★ In this lesson you will learn to:

- Use **in, on, under** for basic positions
- Use **next to, between, near** for relative positions
- Use **behind, in front of, opposite** for directions
- Ask and answer: **Where is...? Where are...?**
- Describe where things are in a room or street

1 Warm-Up: 9 Little Words, Big Meaning

These small words tell us **WHERE** something is. We call them *prepositions of place*.

in <i>-in içinde</i>	on <i>üstünde</i>	under <i>altında</i>
next to <i>yanında</i>	between <i>arasında</i>	near <i>yakınında</i>
behind <i>arkasında</i>	in front of <i>önünde</i>	opposite <i>karşısında</i>

★ **Pattern:** The [thing] is **[preposition]** the [place]. Example: *The phone is **on** the table.*

2 The Missing Phone

Anna can't find her phone before class. Marco and Yuki help her look.

English school, 8:55 am. Anna looks worried.

Anna Oh no! Where is my phone? I can't find it!

Marco Don't worry. Is it **in** your bag?

Anna No, it isn't **in** my bag. I already looked.

Yuki Maybe it's **on** the table? Look — **next to** your book.

Anna No... My book is **on** the table, but the phone isn't there.

Marco Check **under** your chair. Sometimes things fall.

Anna (looks) No, nothing **under** the chair. Just my pencil case.

Mr Brown Good morning! Anna, what are you looking for?

Anna My phone! It's not **in** my bag, not **on** the table, not **under** the chair...

Mr Brown Hmm. Is it **behind** the books **on** the shelf?

Yuki Wait! Your coat is **on** the hook **behind** the door. Check the pocket!

Anna YES! It's **in** my coat pocket! Thank you, Yuki!

Marco Where exactly? **In** the left pocket or the right?

Anna **In** the left pocket, **between** my keys and my tissues.

Mr Brown Now sit down. Your seat is **between** Marco and Yuki, **in front of** my desk.

3 Position Words

20 words for talking about where things are.

English	Turkish	Example
in	<i>-in içinde</i>	The phone is in my bag.
on	<i>üstünde</i>	The book is on the table.
under	<i>altında</i>	The cat is under the bed.
next to	<i>yanında</i>	The café is next to the bank.
between	<i>arasında</i>	I sit between Marco and Yuki.
near	<i>yakınında</i>	The park is near my house.
behind	<i>arkasında</i>	The car is behind the house.
in front of	<i>önünde</i>	The teacher is in front of the class.
opposite	<i>karşısında</i>	The bank is opposite the school.
a bag	<i>çanta</i>	My phone is in my bag.
a table	<i>masa</i>	The keys are on the table.
a chair	<i>sandalye</i>	Look under the chair.
a shelf	<i>raf</i>	Books are on the shelf.
a pocket	<i>cep</i>	It's in my pocket.
a desk	<i>çalışma masası</i>	The laptop is on my desk.
a wall	<i>duvar</i>	The clock is on the wall.
a floor	<i>zemin / yer</i>	Shoes are on the floor.
a corner	<i>köşe</i>	The lamp is in the corner.
left / right	<i>sol / sağ</i>	The door is on the left.
a hook	<i>askı</i>	My coat is on the hook.

4 Grammar Focus: Where Is It?

Three boxes: the 9 prepositions, questions, and common mistakes.

▶ A. The 9 Prepositions

Preposition	Meaning	Example
in	inside a container/space	The keys are in the drawer.
on	touching a surface	The cup is on the table.
under	below / beneath	The cat is under the bed.
next to	beside, at the side	Sit next to me.
between	in the middle of two	Between the bank and the café.
near	close to (not far)	The school is near the park.
behind	at the back of	The garden is behind the house.
in front of	facing, at the front	The car is in front of the shop.
opposite	on the other side	The bank is opposite the school.

▶ B. Asking Where: Where is...? / Where are...?

Question	Answer
Where is the phone?	It's on the table.
Where is the café?	It's next to the bank.
Where are the keys?	They're in my pocket.
Where are the children?	They're in front of the school.

★ **Pattern: Where is** + singular? → It's + preposition + place. **Where are** + plural? → They're + preposition + place.

X C. Common Mistakes

Wrong X	Right ✓	Why?
<i>The book is in the table.</i>	The book is on the table.	on = touching surface
<i>It's in front the door.</i>	It's in front of the door.	Always: in front OF
<i>She sits next me.</i>	She sits next to me.	Always: next TO

5 Game: Pick the Preposition!

10 sentences. Circle the correct preposition. (Answer key below.)

#	Sentence	Answer
1	The phone is ___ my bag.	in
2	The cup is ___ the table.	on
3	The cat is ___ the bed.	under
4	I sit ___ Marco.	next to
5	The shop is ___ the bank and the café.	between
6	The garden is ___ the house.	behind
7	The teacher stands ___ the class.	in front of
8	The park is ___ my house. Just 2 minutes!	near
9	The bank is ___ the school (across the street).	opposite
10	My coat is ___ the hook ___ the door.	on ... behind

6 Quick Check

6 questions. Circle your answer.

1. The keys are ___ the drawer.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. under

2. The picture is ___ the wall.

- A. in
- B. under
- C. on

3. She is standing ___ the door. (at the back)

- A. in front of
- B. behind
- C. next to

4. The school is ___ the hospital. (other side)

- A. near
- B. between
- C. opposite

5. Which is **WRONG**?

- A. The cat is under the bed.
- B. She sits next me.
- C. The café is near the park.

6. 'Where ___ the children?'

- A. is
- B. are
- C. do

★ Quiz Answer Key: 1. **B** · 2. **C** · 3. **B** · 4. **C** · 5. **B** · 6. **B**

7 Fill in the Blanks

Anna describes her classroom. Fill in the correct preposition.

1. My laptop is ___ the desk.

2. The pencil case is ___ my bag.

3. The cat sleeps ___ the table.

4. Anna sits ___ Marco.

5. My seat is ___ the window and the door.

6. The coat is on the hook ___ the door.

7. Mr Brown stands ___ the class.

8. The café is ___ the bank (across the street).

★ **Answer Key:**

1. **on** · 2. **in** · 3. **under** · 4. **next to** · 5. **between** · 6. **behind** · 7. **in front of** · 8. **opposite**

8 Your Turn: Speaking & Writing

Describe where things are around **YOU**.

► Speaking Task: Where Is It?

Work with a partner. One asks "**Where is the...?**" and the other answers with a preposition.

Example dialogue:

A: Where is the clock?

B: It's **on** the wall, **behind** me.

A: Where are your keys?

B: They're **in** my pocket.

A: Where is the teacher's desk?

B: It's **in front of** the board, **opposite** the door.

Prompts to try:

- Where is your phone right now?
- Where are your keys?
- Where is the nearest café?
- Where is the window in this room?
- What is between you and the door?

► Writing Task: My Room (5 Sentences)

Write **5 sentences** about your room. Use a **different preposition** in each.

Example:

My bed is **next to** the window. My desk is **opposite** the door. My bag is **on** the floor, **under** the desk. The wardrobe is **between** the door and the window. There's a mirror **behind** the door.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

★ Lesson Complete!

- ✓ I know: **in, on, under**
- ✓ I know: **next to, between, near**
- ✓ I know: **behind, in front of, opposite**
- ✓ I can ask: **Where is...? Where are...?**