

CEFR A1 · TEENS (11–16)

## At My House: *Where is everything?*

Where is the cat? Where are your shoes? Learn the rooms of a house and the little words — **in, on, under** — that tell us where things are.

🕒 45 minutes

📖 Prepositions of place

🏠 Rooms & Furniture

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### 1 WARM-UP Think before you start

1. How many rooms are there in your house or flat? Can you name them in English?
2. What is your favourite room? Why?
3. Where is your phone right now — in your bag, on the table, under a book?
4. Where does your family eat dinner? Where do you do your homework?

### 2 GRAMMAR FOCUS Prepositions of place — where things are

A **preposition of place** tells us **where** something is. Look at the box and the ball — where is the ball?



**QUESTION** Where + is / are + the + thing ? = Where is the lamp?

**ANSWER** It / They + is / are + preposition + the + place

**REMEMBER** is = one thing · are = two or more

### 3 VOCABULARY IN ACTION Rooms & furniture

ROOMS IN A HOUSE	WHAT YOU DO THERE
the kitchen	We cook and eat here.
the living room	We watch TV and relax here.
the bedroom	We sleep here.
the bathroom	We wash and have a shower here.
the garden	We play outside here.

a table

a chair

a bed

a sofa

a desk

a lamp

a wardrobe

a shelf

a window

a door

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>kitchen</b> <i>NOUN</i>	the room where you cook food	<i>My mum is in the kitchen.</i>
<b>living room</b> <i>NOUN</i>	the room where the family relaxes	<i>We watch films in the living room.</i>
<b>bedroom</b> <i>NOUN</i>	the room where you sleep	<i>My bedroom is small but cosy.</i>
<b>sofa</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a long, soft seat for two or more	<i>The cat sleeps on the sofa.</i>
<b>wardrobe</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a big cupboard for your clothes	<i>My clothes are in the wardrobe.</i>
<b>shelf</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a flat board on a wall for things	<i>The books are on the shelf.</i>
<b>under</b> <i>PREP.</i>	in a lower place than something	<i>My shoes are under the bed.</i>
<b>between</b> <i>PREP.</i>	in the middle of two things	<i>The lamp is between the bed and desk.</i>
<b>tidy</b> <i>ADJ.</i>	clean and in the right place	<i>Her room is always tidy.</i>
<b>messy</b> <i>ADJ.</i>	not tidy; things everywhere	<i>My room is messy — sorry!</i>

## Come Inside: *two teenagers show us their homes*

*A house tells a story. Some homes are big; some are small. Some are tidy; some are very messy! Today, two teenagers open their front doors and show us every room. Come inside — and look for the words in, on and under!*

### Sofia's flat in the city

Hello! My name is Sofia and I am fourteen. I live in a small **flat** in the city with my mum and my little brother. We are on the fourth floor, so we have a lift. Our flat is not big, but it is very **tidy**. There are four rooms: a kitchen, a living room, one bedroom, and a small bathroom.

First, the **kitchen**. It is small but I love it. There is a table in the middle and three chairs around it. On the table, there is always a bowl of fruit. The cups are on a shelf, and the plates are in the cupboard. My cat, Luna, sleeps under the kitchen table because it is warm there.

Next, the **living room**. This is my favourite room. There is a big sofa next to the window, and a small TV on a low table. Between the sofa and the wall, there is a green plant. My mum's books are on two long shelves. In the evening, we sit on the sofa and watch films together. Sometimes Luna sits on my lap.

My mum and my brother share the **bedroom**, and I sleep on a sofa-bed in the living room. It is not a problem — I like it! My clothes are in a small wardrobe behind the door. Under my sofa-bed, there are three boxes with all my things. The flat is small, but everything has its place.

### Tom's house in the country

Hi, I'm Tom, and my home is *very* different! I live in a big old house in the country with my parents, my two sisters, a dog and a lot of chickens. We have a garden, too. There are many rooms, and — I must be honest — my house is often **messy**!

Our **kitchen** is enormous. There is a long wooden table with eight chairs. On the floor, under the table, there is always something — a shoe, a ball, or our dog, Rocky! On the wall, there are pictures of all the family. My mum cooks here, and the kitchen always smells of bread.

The **living room** is big and noisy. There are two old sofas and a lot of cushions on the floor. The TV is on a shelf between two windows. My sisters' toys are everywhere — on the sofa, under the chairs, behind the door. “Where is the remote control?” my dad asks every evening. It is never in the same place!

I have my own **bedroom**, and yes, it is messy. My bed is under the window. There is a desk in the corner, but my books are not on the desk — they are under the bed, on the floor, and on the chair! My football posters are on the wall. My mum says, “Tom, your room is a disaster!” But I know where everything is.

### So — tidy or messy?

Two homes, two very different families. Sofia's flat is small and tidy; every cup, every book, every box has its place. Tom's house is big and busy, and things are everywhere. But both homes are full of life — and full of love. **Where** do you live? Is your home tidy like Sofia's, or busy like Tom's?

**Editor's note:** *A home is not about big or small, tidy or messy. It is about the people inside it. Look around your home now — can you say where five things are, using in, on and under?*

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**PRACTICE**  
**Fill in the blanks**

Complete each sentence with the correct word: a preposition (in, on, under, next to, between), a room, or is / are.

- 1 Luna the cat sleeps \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen table. (*below*)
- 2 There is a bowl of fruit \_\_\_\_\_ the table. (*on top of*)
- 3 My clothes are \_\_\_\_\_ the wardrobe. (*inside*)
- 4 We cook and eat in the \_\_\_\_\_. (*room*)
- 5 The lamp is \_\_\_\_\_ the bed and the desk. (*middle of two*)
- 6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ the dog? (*one dog*)
- 7 My books \_\_\_\_\_ on the shelf. (*many books*)
- 8 We sleep in the \_\_\_\_\_. (*room*)

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**SPEAKING**  
**Where is it?**

 How many rooms are there in your home? What are they?

 Where is the TV in your house?

 Where do you do your homework?

 Where is your bed? What is next to it?

 Is your bedroom tidy or messy? Where are your books right now?

**EXAMPLE CONVERSATION**

**A:** Where is the TV in your home?

**B:** It's in the living room, on a small table. Where's yours?

**A:** Mine is on the wall, between two windows. Where do you do your homework?

**B:** At the desk in my bedroom. My books are on the desk — well, usually under it!

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**WRITING**  
**My favourite room (50–70 words)**

Describe your favourite room at home. Say what is in it and where things are. Use prepositions of place. Try to include:

- the name of the room (e.g. my bedroom, the living room)
- at least 4 pieces of furniture (e.g. a bed, a desk, a sofa)
- at least 3 prepositions of place (in, on, under, next to, between)
- use There is... and There are...

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## Check your understanding

1 The ball is inside the box. The ball is \_\_\_\_\_ the box.

A on

C under

B in

D behind

2 Where do we cook food?

A in the bedroom

C in the kitchen

B in the bathroom

D in the garden

3 My shoes are \_\_\_\_\_ the bed (below it).

A on

C under

B in

D next to

4 Choose the correct sentence:

A The books is on the shelf.

C The books on the shelf are.

B The books are on the shelf.

D The book are on the shelf.

5 The lamp is \_\_\_\_\_ the bed and the desk (middle of two).

A under

C on

B between

D in

6 Where do we sleep?

A in the kitchen

C in the bedroom

B in the living room

D in the garden

7 Complete the question: “\_\_\_\_\_ is the cat?”

A What

C Who

B Where

D When

8 The cup is \_\_\_\_\_ the table (on top of it).

A under

C on

B in

D behind

✓ Answer Key — for teachers

**Fill in the blanks:** 1. under 2. on 3. in 4. kitchen 5. between 6. is 7. are 8. bedroom

**Quiz:** 1. B 2. C 3. C 4. B 5. B 6. C 7. B 8. C