



CEFR A1 · GRAMMAR & SPEAKING

# Around Town: Where Is It?

Use there is / there are and prepositions of place (next to, between, behind) to say where things are.

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## 1 Warm-up

GET READY

Think about these questions, or talk with a partner. You do not need to write.

1. What places are there in your town?

2. Is there a park near your home?

3. What is next to your school?

4. Where do you buy bread in your town?

## 2 Places, there is/are & Prepositions

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Places in Town. Say each one out loud.



a school



a hospital



a bank



a shop



a park



a museum



a café



a bakery



a library



a station



a hotel



a restaurant

there is / there are. 'is' for one, 'are' for two or more.

There **is** a park. → one → is

There **are** two shops. → two+ → are

There **isn't** a museum. / There **aren't** any shops. → negatives

### Questions

Is there a park? → Yes, there is.

Are there any shops? → No, there aren't.

**Prepositions of Place.** These words say where something is.

 <b>next to</b> at the side of	 <b>between</b> middle of two	 <b>behind</b> at the back	 <b>in front of</b> at the front	 <b>opposite</b> other side	 <b>near</b> close to
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The bank is next to the café.

The park is between the school and the shop.

### 3 Key Vocabulary

WORDS TO LEARN

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
<b>town</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a place with houses, shops and streets	<i>There is a park in my town.</i>
<b>park</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a green place with trees and grass	<i>The park is near my house.</i>
<b>shop</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a place where you buy things	<i>There are two shops here.</i>
<b>station</b> <i>NOUN</i>	a place where trains stop	<i>The station is behind the bank.</i>
<b>next to</b> <i>PREP.</i>	at the side of something	<i>The café is next to the bank.</i>
<b>between</b> <i>PREP.</i>	in the middle of two things	<i>The park is between the school and the shop.</i>
<b>behind</b> <i>PREP.</i>	at the back of something	<i>The station is behind the museum.</i>
<b>in front of</b> <i>PREP.</i>	at the front of something	<i>There is a bus in front of the school.</i>
<b>near</b> <i>PREP.</i>	close to; not far	<i>My house is near the park.</i>
<b>there is / are</b> <i>GRAMMAR</i>	we use it to say what exists in a place	<i>There is a library in town.</i>

### 4 Reading: Welcome to My Town

READ

TEEN WORLD · MY TOWN SPECIAL

## Welcome to My Town

#### Elena — Greece

Welcome to my **town**! **There is** a big **park** in the centre. My favourite café is **next to** the park. **There are** two shops **between** the bank and the library. I love my town!

#### Carlos — Colombia

My town is small but nice. There is a school and a small **bakery** **near** my house. The bakery is **in front of** the bus stop. There isn't a big museum, but there is a nice library. The **station** is **behind** the church.

#### Mina — South Korea

I live in a big town. There are many shops and three cafés! There is a hospital next to the station. My school is between a park and a shop. Is there a cinema? Yes, there is — it is opposite the museum. There is always a lot to do here.

## 5 Vocabulary Review

## QUICK REVIEW

### there is GRAMMAR

For one thing. (There is a park.)  
"There is a school in my town."

### there are GRAMMAR

For two or more things.  
"There are three cafés."

### next to PREP.

At the side of something.  
"The café is next to the bank."

### between PREP.

In the middle of two things.  
"The park is between the school and the shop."

### behind PREP.

At the back. Opposite of 'in front of'.  
"The station is behind the bank."

### near PREP.

Close to; not far away.  
"My house is near the park."

## 6 Practice: Fill in the Blanks

## YOUR TURN

Write **is / are** (after "there"), or a **preposition** (next to, between, behind, near...) on each line.

- 1 There \_\_\_\_\_ a park in my town. (*one → is/are?*)
- 2 There \_\_\_\_\_ two shops near the bank. (*two → is/are?*)
- 3 The café is \_\_\_\_\_ the bank. (*at the side of*)
- 4 The park is \_\_\_\_\_ the school and the shop. (*middle of two*)
- 5 The station is \_\_\_\_\_ the museum. (*at the back of*)
- 6 My house is \_\_\_\_\_ the park. (*close to; not far*)
- 7 There \_\_\_\_\_ three cafés in town. (*three → is/are?*)
- 8 A place with trees and grass is a \_\_\_\_\_. (*green place*)

## 7 Speaking: My Town

## LET'S TALK

1. What places are there in your town?
2. Is there a park near your home?
3. What is next to your school?
4. Are there any cafés in your town?
5. Where is the station?

### EXAMPLE DIALOGUE

**A:** Is there a park in your town?

**B:** Yes, there is. It's near my house.

**A:** What is next to the park?

**B:** There is a café next to the park. And you?

**A:** In my town there are two shops between the bank and the school.

**B:** Cool! Is there a station?

## 8 Writing Task

WRITE IT DOWN

Write 40–60 words about your town. What is there, and where is it?

- I use **There is** one time (for one place).
  - I use **There are** one time (for two or more places).
  - I use two **prepositions** (next to, between, near...).
  - I name four **places** in my town (park, shop, school...).
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## 9 Comprehension Quiz

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Circle the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. There \_\_\_\_\_ a park in my town.

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| <input type="radio"/> A is | <input type="radio"/> B are |
| <input type="radio"/> C be | <input type="radio"/> D am  |

2. There \_\_\_\_\_ two shops near the bank.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A is | <input type="radio"/> B are |
| <input type="radio"/> C be | <input type="radio"/> D am  |

3. The café is \_\_\_\_\_ the bank (at the side of it).

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A between | <input type="radio"/> B behind |
| <input type="radio"/> C next to | <input type="radio"/> D in     |

4. The park is \_\_\_\_\_ the school and the shop.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A next to | <input type="radio"/> B between |
| <input type="radio"/> C behind  | <input type="radio"/> D near    |

5. What is the opposite of 'in front of'?

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> A near   | <input type="radio"/> B next to |
| <input type="radio"/> C behind | <input type="radio"/> D between |

6. Choose the correct question:

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| <input type="radio"/> A Is there a park? | <input type="radio"/> B Are there a park? |
| <input type="radio"/> C There is a park? | <input type="radio"/> D Is a park there?  |

7. Where do trains stop?

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| <input type="radio"/> A a park   | <input type="radio"/> B a station |
| <input type="radio"/> C a bakery | <input type="radio"/> D a bank    |

8. In the reading, where is Elena's favourite café?

A behind the bank

B next to the park

C near the station

D between two shops

 **Answer Key**

**FOR SELF-CHECK**

**Part 6 — Fill in the Blanks**

1. **is** · 2. **are** · 3. **next to** · 4. **between** · 5. **behind** · 6. **near** · 7. **are** · 8. **park**

**Part 9 — Quiz**

1. **A** (is) · 2. **B** (are) · 3. **C** (next to) · 4. **B** (between)

5. **C** (behind) · 6. **A** (Is there a park?) · 7. **B** (a station) · 8. **B** (next to the park)