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## Explanations

**in**

We use *in* when things or people are contained by other things.



*There are some cups in that cupboard.*

**Examples**

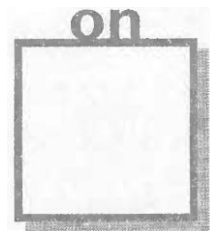
*Jack lives in Spain. We arrived in Manchester. (a city)*

*Paul lives in Green Street. Jim sat in an armchair.*

*I live in the country, not in the city. Sarah is ill and is in hospital.*

**on**

We use *on* when things or people are touching other things.



*Jane put her books on the table.*

We use *on* when we talk about the cinema, radio, telephone and television.

*What's on at the cinema?*

*There's a good film on television tonight.*

**Examples**

*It was crowded on the plane/bus/train.*

*Our house is on this side of the street.*

*There's a cinema on the left.*

**at**

We use *at* when we talk about position in general.

*You can buy stamps at the post office.*

*We arrived at London Airport. Compare: We arrived in London.*

*at the front, at the back, at the end*

*There's a school at the end of the street.*

*Do you sit at the front of the class?*