18 Prepositions of place (1)

1 Main uses

at		*There's someone* **at** *the door.* *She's* **at** *her desk by 9.00 every day.* *Write your name* **at** *the top of the paper.*
in		*There are some books* **in** *the cupboard.* *There was no one* **in** *the house.*
on		*The computer is* **on** *the desk.* *The poster is* **on** *the wall.*
above		*There's a poster on the wall* **above** *the desk.* *He lives in the flat* **above** *the shop.*

below		*Adrian is standing* **below** *the clock.* *The coats are in the cupboard* **below** *the stairs.*
under		*The rubbish bin is* **under** *the desk.* *I keep my old school books* **under** *the bed.*
next to *by* *beside*		*The cupboard is* **next to/by/beside** *the desk.* *He lives in the house* **next to/by/beside** *the school.*
near		*Adrian is standing* **near** *the door.* *She works at the shop* **near** *the station.*

2 Other uses

We use *at* with

- home and places of study/work:
  ***at** home, **at** school, **at** university, **at** work, **at** the office*
- other places in a town:
  ***at** the doctor's, **at** the cinema, **at** the station*

We use *in* with

- towns and countries:
  ***in** Milan, **in** Italy, **in** Europe*

⚠ ✗ ~~*I live at Buenos Aires.*~~ ✓ *I live* ***in*** *Buenos Aires.*