

Prepositions are hard. Prepositions include words like in, at, on, under, behind, next to, below, etc.

Today we'll learn how to use the 3 most common prepositions:
in, at, on.

We use “at” to talk about a place.



at home



at school

They are **at** home.
You are **at** school.
She is **at** the store.
He is **at** work.



at the store



at work

We also use AT to talk about a point in time.

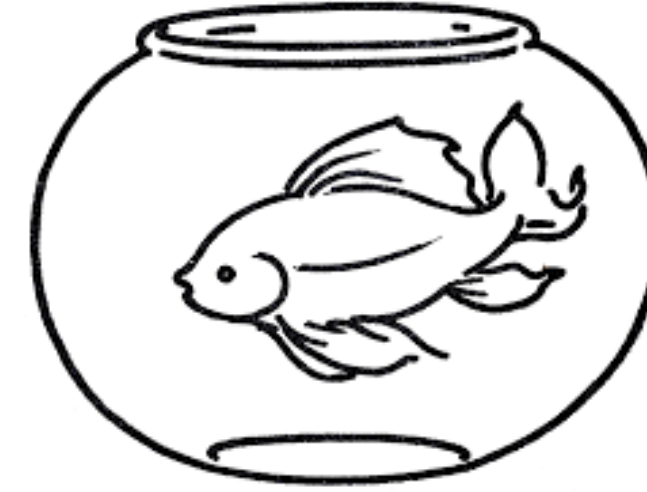
I arrived **at** 10 AM.
My flight lands **at** 3.
We left **at** 9:15.



We use “in” for something that is inside.



in the box



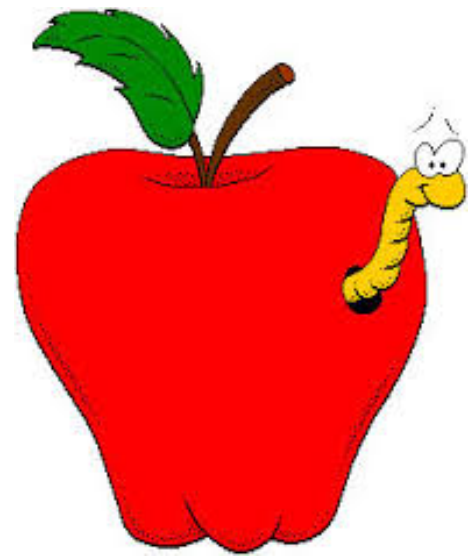
in the bowl

The cans are **in** the box.

The fish is **in** the bowl.

The worm is **in** the apple.

The men are **in** the pool.



in the apple

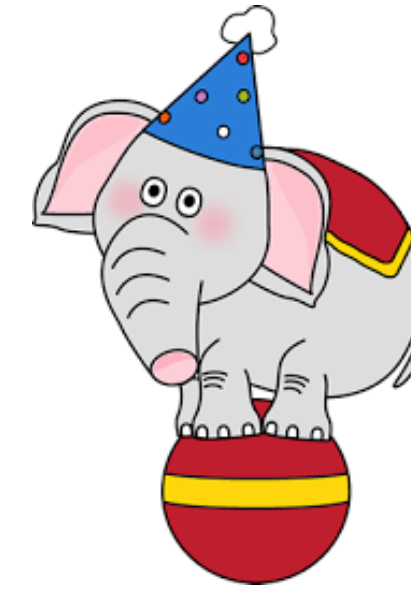


in the pool

We use “on” for something that is at the top.

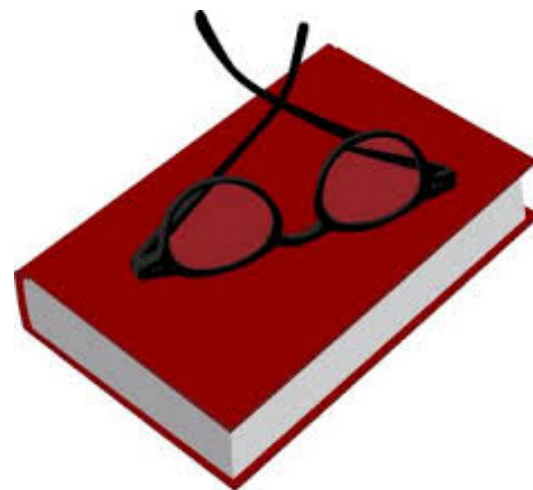


on the desk



on the ball

The apple is **on** the desk.
The elephant is **on** the ball.
The glasses are **on** the book.
The fruit is **on** the table.



on the book



Using IN and AT to talk about WHEN:

We use “**in**” for-**morning, afternoon, evening.**

We use “**at**” for **noon** or **night.**

I leave **in** the morning. I like to exercise **in** the afternoon. **In** the evening, we watch TV.

I like to walk **at** night. I eat lunch **at** noon.



We use AT for specific times.

Examples: We leave **at** 3 PM. We eat **at** noon. We go to bed **at** bedtime.

We use IN for long time periods or times that are not specific.

Examples: We lived there **in** the nineties. **In** the future, cars will drive themselves. **In** December, we will celebrate Christmas.

We get **on** the bus, **on** the plane, but **in** the car.



Prepositions are used in phrases. Read these sentences.

Try on these shoes.



We played **on the beach**.



The monkeys are jumping **on the bed**.



The train is **on time**.



The rooster is **on the fence**.



The apples are **on sale**.



My house is **on 2nd Street**.

The dog is **in the bed**.



The boy broke the dish. His mom will be mad.
He is **in trouble**.



There are six people
in our family.



The teacher says, "**Come in**".

This book is **in Spanish**.



The pain is **in my knee**.





Today is a holiday. There is no school. The girl is **in a good mood**.



This boy is covered **in mud**.

The teacher said, “Your son is hurt. Please come **at once.**”



The boy is good **at tennis.** What are you **good at?**

A sales person knocks on the door.
He says, “Is your mother **at home?**”



At first, I was scared of snakes. But now I'm not afraid.

