

## UNIDAD 17: LAS PREPOSICIONES

Las preposiciones son las palabras que se ponen delante del complemento circunstancial. Como hay diferentes complementos, también tenemos distintos tipos de preposiciones. Aquí vamos a ver las básicas, como siempre. Hay muchas más, pero si te aprendes todo lo de esta unidad, es suficiente.

### PREPOSICIONES DE TIEMPO

Responden a la pregunta *when...?*

<b>IN</b>	con los años	<i>in 2005</i>
	con los meses	<i>in April</i>
	con las estaciones	<i>in winter</i>
	con algunas partes del día	<i>in the morning</i> <i>in the afternoon</i> <i>in the evening</i>

<b>ON</b>	con los días de la semana	<i>on Wednesday</i>
	con fechas concretas	<i>on 15th April</i>
	con día + parte del día	<i>on Friday morning</i>
	con días festivos sueltos	<i>on Christmas Day</i>

<b>AT</b>	con las horas del reloj	<i>at three o'clock</i>
	con las horas de las comidas	<i>at lunch</i>
	con períodos de más de dos días	<i>at the weekend</i> <i>at Christmas</i>
	con algunas partes del día	<i>at night</i> <i>at midday / noon</i> <i>at dawn</i>
	con expresiones concretas	<i>at that time</i> <i>at the moment</i>

#### Excepciones:

Estas preposiciones no se utilizan delante de palabras como:

- \* *this* ..... *I leave school this year.*
- \* *last* ..... *She was in Paris last month.*
- \* *next* ..... *The plane leaves next day.*
- \* *every* ..... *He goes to the beach every summer.*
- \* *tomorrow* ..... *The football match is tomorrow morning.*
- \* *yesterday* ..... *The fire was yesterday night.*

A.- COMPLETA CON UNA PREPOSICIÓN CUANDO SEA POSIBLE

1.- 2.- I'm going to the cinema \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow morning.

3.- I hate getting up \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.

4.- 5.- Mary's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ August. It's \_\_\_\_\_ 15<sup>th</sup> August.

6.- She was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1968.

7.- Micky is going to Paris \_\_\_\_\_ Spring.

8.- Alison usually goes home \_\_\_\_\_ weekends.

9.- I passed my driving test \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning.

10.- 11.- Where were you \_\_\_\_\_ 9 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday evening?

12.- What are you going to do \_\_\_\_\_ next summer?

13.- I study best \_\_\_\_\_ night.

14.- 15.- We're \_\_\_\_\_ holiday \_\_\_\_\_ Easter.

16.- I went to bed \_\_\_\_\_ nine o'clock.

17.- It rained \_\_\_\_\_ last night

18.- We are going to the party \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Day.

19.- Shakespeare died \_\_\_\_\_ 1616.

20.- Do you go out \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend?

21.- I go to Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ July.

22.- We have a break \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon.

23.- She arrives \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

24.- It's cold \_\_\_\_\_ night.

25.- I don't work \_\_\_\_\_ next weekend.

26.- You never study \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon.

27.- We can play tennis \_\_\_\_\_ the summer.

28.- School starts \_\_\_\_\_ 20th September.

29.- I see you \_\_\_\_\_ dinner time.

30.- I have paella \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.

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## PREPOSICIONES DE LUGAR

Responden a la pregunta *where...?*

Estas preposiciones indican la posición de algo o alguien y a veces es difícil saber cuál utilizar. Vamos a verlas por separado:

<b>IN</b>	cuando algo nos rodea por todos los lados	<i>I have it in the pocket</i> <i>She is in the garden</i>
	con ciudades	<i>I live in Albacete</i>
	con países	<i>I'm in Spain</i>
	con los nombres de las calles ★	<i>I live in Ancha Street</i>

<b>ON</b>	con superficies	<i>I have it on the wall</i> <i>The poster is on the door</i> <i>I live on the first floor</i>
	con cosas que están en una línea	<i>Bath is on the River Avon</i>

<b>AT</b>	cuando hablamos de un punto en el espacio	<i>There's someone at the door</i> <i>She's at the bus stop</i>
	con acontecimientos	<i>See you at the match</i>
	con damos la dirección completa ★	<i>I live at 10 Gran Vía Street</i>

<b>FROM</b>	indica origen	<i>She comes from England</i>
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★ Cuando sólo va la calle se pone *in*, pero si pones el número, utilizamos *at*.

☆ Con edificios utilizamos *in* cuando no nos interesa su función, sino su tamaño:

*There are 200 seats in the cinema.*

Utilizamos *at* cuando nos referimos a la actividad que se realiza en ese edificio: *I was at the cinema last night* (viendo una película)

Algunas frases comunes:

<b>IN</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>AT</b>
<i>in the country</i>	<i>on the platform</i>	<i>at the station/airport</i>
<i>in prison</i>	<i>on the farm</i>	<i>at home</i>
<i>in hospital</i>	<i>on page 28</i>	<i>at work</i>
<i>in the sky</i>	<i>on the island</i>	<i>at school</i>
<i>in the middle</i>	<i>on the screen</i>	<i>at the seaside</i>
<i>in the photo/picture</i>	<i>on the beach</i>	<i>at the top/bottom</i>
<i>in a book/newspaper</i>	<i>on the right/left</i>	<i>at the end</i>

**B.- COMPLETA CON UNA PREPOSICIÓN**

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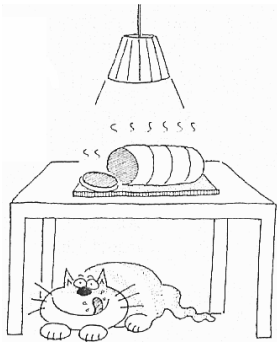
- 1.- I read the news \_\_\_\_\_ a magazine.
- 2.- London is \_\_\_\_\_ the Thames.
- 3.- We live \_\_\_\_\_ 33 Oxford Road.
- 4.- They have an aunt \_\_\_\_\_ Barcelona. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- What have you got \_\_\_\_\_ your hand? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.- Is there a supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ this road? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.- He's \_\_\_\_\_ hospital. He's very ill. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.- You meet her \_\_\_\_\_ church. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.- Ruth is \_\_\_\_\_ the office. She's working. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.- The cat is \_\_\_\_\_ the roof. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11.- My uncle works \_\_\_\_\_ a big farm. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12.- My suitcase is \_\_\_\_\_ the station. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13.- Benidorm is \_\_\_\_\_ the Mediterranean Coast. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14.- I study Maths \_\_\_\_\_ your book.
- 15.- Look at the picture \_\_\_\_\_ page 10!
- 16.- My parents are \_\_\_\_\_ home.

**C.- COMPLETA CON IN, ON, AT**

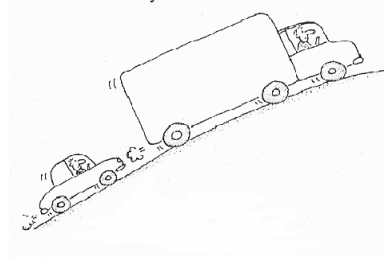
Janet was born \_\_\_\_\_ Rochester \_\_\_\_\_ December 22nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ the morning. Rochester is \_\_\_\_\_ the state of New York \_\_\_\_\_ the United States. Now, she goes \_\_\_\_\_ classes \_\_\_\_\_ the university. She usually arrives \_\_\_\_\_ the morning \_\_\_\_\_ 8 o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_ weekends. She likes driving \_\_\_\_\_ her friend's house \_\_\_\_\_ Canada. Her friend lives \_\_\_\_\_ Toronto. She usually arrives \_\_\_\_\_ 9,30 \_\_\_\_\_ the evening and leaves \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning. \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, they often meet friends \_\_\_\_\_ a restaurant. \_\_\_\_\_ night,

they sometimes go \_\_\_\_\_ a disco. \_\_\_\_\_ summer, \_\_\_\_\_ July for example, they often go \_\_\_\_\_ the countryside.

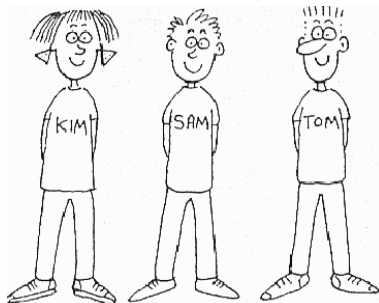
### MÁS PREPOSICIONES DE LUGAR



**The lamp is ABOVE the table**  
 (La lámpara está ENCIMA de la mesa)  
**The cat is UNDER the table**  
 (El gato está DEBAJO DE la mesa)



**The lorry IS IN FRONT OF the car**  
 (El camión está DELANTE DEL coche)  
**The car is BEHIND the lorry**  
 (El coche está DETRÁS del camión)



**Sam is BETWEEN Tom and Kim**  
 (Sam está ENTRE Tom y Kim)(entre 2)  
**Kim is NEXT TO Sam** (Kim está AL LADO DE Sam)



**The house is AMONG the trees**  
 (La casa está ENTRE los árboles) (+ de 2)



**The girl is AGAINST the wall**

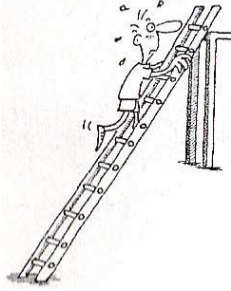


**Tom is OPPOSITE Kim**

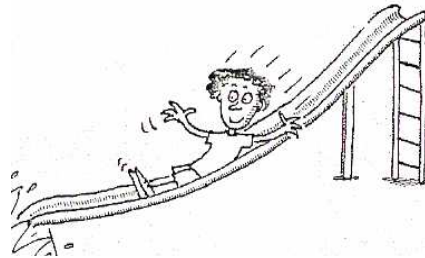
(La niña está **CONTRA** la pared)

(Tom está **enfrente de** Kim)

### PREPOSICIONES DE MOVIMIENTO



**UP** the ladder  
(**HACIA/PARA ARRIBA**  
de la escalera)



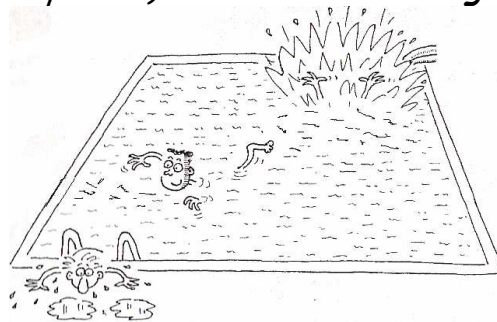
**DOWN** the slide  
(**HACIA/PARA ABAJO**  
del tobogán)



**ALONG** the pole  
(**POR/A LO LARGO DEL**  
palo)

(**HACIA DENTRO/DENTRO** en la piscina) **INTO** the swimming-pool

**ACROSS** the  
swimming-pool  
(**POR/**  
**CRUZANDO**  
la piscina)



(**FUERA DE** la piscina) **OUT OF** the swimming-pool

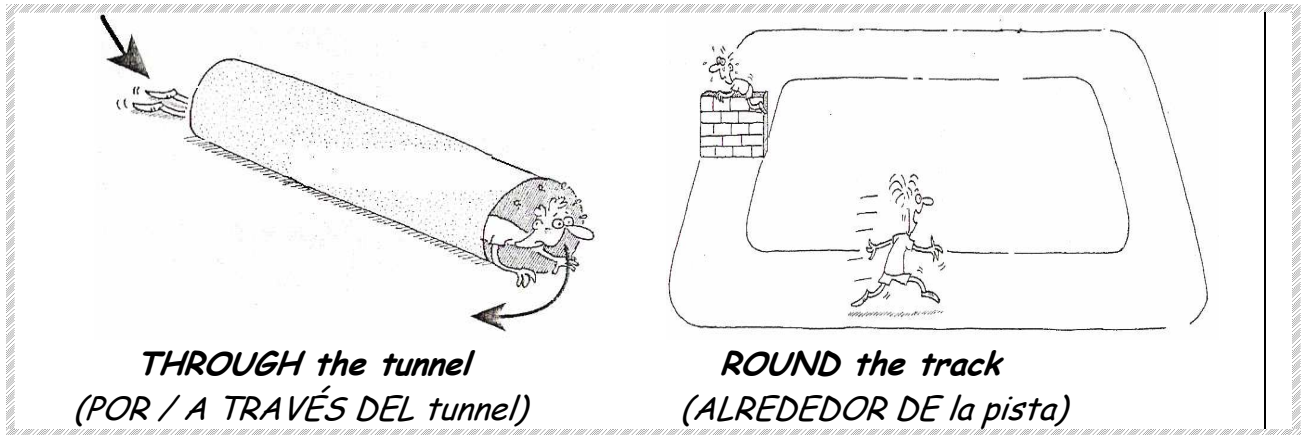


**TO** the finish (A / **HACIA** la meta)

**OJO:** en inglés hay tres formas de decir **POR**:

- **ALONG** (a lo largo de algo. En línea)
- **ACROSS** (cruzando a lo largo y a lo ancho)
- **THROUGH** (cuando atraviesas en 3D)

(**SOBRE / POR ENCIMA DEL** muro) **OVER** the wall



D.- UNE CADA PREPOSICIÓN CON LA QUE TIENE EL SIGNIFICADO OPUESTO

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1.- Behind  | Opposite    |
| 2.- Into    | On          |
| 3.- Under   | Down        |
| 4.- Up      | Out of      |
| 5.- Next to | In front of |

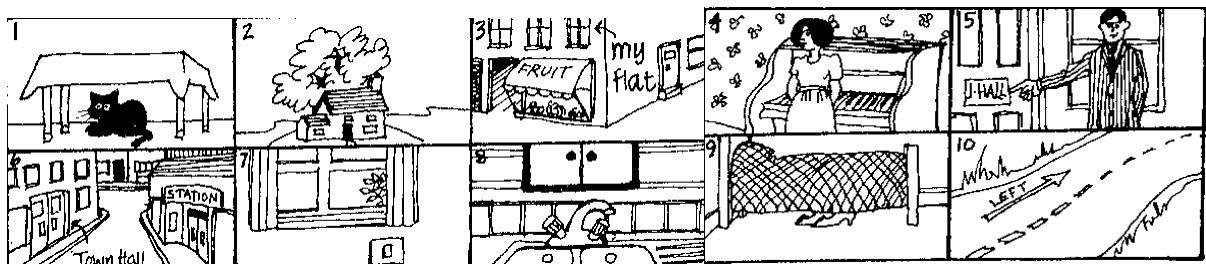
E.- CONTESTA SEGÚN EL DIBUJO

- 1.- Where's the dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2.- Where's the lamp? \_\_\_\_\_



- 3.- Where's the cat? \_\_\_\_\_

F.- MIRA LOS DIBUJOS Y COMPLETA



- 1.- The cat is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2.- There's a tree \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3.- My \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ a shop.

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- 4.- She is standing \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.- His name is \_\_\_\_\_ the main \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.- The Town Hall is \_\_\_\_\_ the station.
- 7.- The switch is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8.- The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ the sink.
- 9.- There're some shoes \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.- In Britain they drive \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

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6.- ESCOGE LA PREPOSICIÓN ADECUADA

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- 1.- You make a lot of mistakes \_\_\_\_\_ your homework.  
 in                     on                     next to                     at
- 2.- We go swimming and lay \_\_\_\_\_ the beach on our holiday.  
 on                     in                     down                     at
- 3.- They caught a train \_\_\_\_\_ London.  
 on                     in                     by                     at
- 4.- There were two people \_\_\_\_\_ the picture.  
 to                     on                     in                     at
5. There's a big party \_\_\_\_\_ my aunt's .  
 on                     in                     to                     at
- 6.- My mom works \_\_\_\_\_ the garden.  
 on                     in                     by                     at
- 7.- My friend flies \_\_\_\_\_ Madrid to London.  
 in                     on                     at                     from
- 8.- I waited for him \_\_\_\_\_ the airport.  
 in                     on                     next                     at
- 9.- My father let us stay \_\_\_\_\_ Paris.  
 on                     from                     to                     in
- 10.- My father always forgets his umbrella \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
 around                     at                     in                     to
- 11.- My children make friends \_\_\_\_\_ school.  
 at                     for                     in                     to
- 12.- My aunt is a professor \_\_\_\_\_ university.  
 at                     from                     in                     to
- 13.- I can see Julia \_\_\_\_\_ the hairdresser's.

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- for                     on                     at                     by  
 14.- I meet John \_\_\_\_\_ the taxi stop.  
 at                     by                     in                     on  
 15.- I have my bags \_\_\_\_\_ the railway station.  
 at                     by                     in                     on  
 16.- I have three mistakes \_\_\_\_\_ this sentence.  
 at                     to                     in                     on  
 17.- I cry with pain \_\_\_\_\_ the dentist's.  
 at                     to                     in                     on

H.- COMPLETA CON UNA PREPOSICIÓN

Escribe aquí las palabras nuevas
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- 1.- There is no smoke coming \_\_\_\_\_ the chimney. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2.- . There are no curtains \_\_\_\_\_ the windows. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3.- It is a cloudy day. There are clouds \_\_\_\_\_ the sky. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4.- Jane is waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5.- The shop is \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the street. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6.- When will you arrive \_\_\_\_\_ the office? \_\_\_\_\_  
 7.- Do you work \_\_\_\_\_ an office? \_\_\_\_\_  
 8.- I have a meeting \_\_\_\_\_ New York. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9.- Do you live \_\_\_\_\_ Japan? \_\_\_\_\_  
 10.- Jupiter is \_\_\_\_\_ the Solar System. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11.- The author's name is \_\_\_\_\_ the cover of the book.  
 12.- There are no prices \_\_\_\_\_ this menu.  
 13.- There was a "no smoking" sign \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.  
 14.- I live \_\_\_\_\_ the 7th floor \_\_\_\_\_ 21 Oxford Street.  
 15.- The film is \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning.  
 16.- I go to the beach \_\_\_\_\_ summer  
 17.- Her mother's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 24th November.  
 18.- The championship is \_\_\_\_\_ April, I think.  
 19.- Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_ winter.

- 20.- The football match is \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday afternoon.
- 21.- Easter is \_\_\_\_\_ spring.
- 22.- My friend's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- 23.- The reception is \_\_\_\_\_ March this year.
- 24.- I am with my grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ summer.
- 25.- We aren't \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- 26.- I was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1 July.
- 27.- We have the party \_\_\_\_\_ 1997.