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PREPOSITIONS :

RULES:

- IN

Use 'in' with spaces:

- in a room / in a building
- in a garden / in a park

Use 'in' with bodies of water:

- in the water
- in the sea
- in a river

Use 'in' with lines:

- in a row / in a line
- in a queue

AT

Use 'at' with places:

- at the bus-stop
- at the door
- at the cinema
- at the end of the street

Use 'at' with places on a page:

- at the top of the page
- at the bottom of the page

Use 'at' in groups of people:

- at the back of the class
- at the front of the class

ON

Use 'on' with surfaces:

- on the ceiling / on the wall / on the floor
- on the table

Use 'on' with small islands:

- I stayed on Maui.

Use 'on' with directions:

- on the left
- on the right
- straight on

IMPORTANT NOTES

In / at / on the corner

We say 'in the corner of a room', but 'at the corner (or 'on the corner') of a street'

In / at / on the front

- We say 'in the front / in the back' of a car
- We say 'at the front / at the back' of buildings / groups of people
- We say 'on the front / on the back' of a piece of paper