

3-14 PREPOSITIONS OF LOCATION

(a) My book is **on** my desk.

In (a): *on* = a preposition
my desk = object of the preposition
on my desk = a prepositional phrase

(b) Tom lives **in** the United States.

He lives **in** New York City.

(c) He lives **on** Hill Street.

(d) He lives **at** 4472 Hill Street.

A person lives: **in** a country and **in** a city
on a street, avenue, road, etc.
at an address

(See Chart 7-17 for more information about using **in** and **at**.)

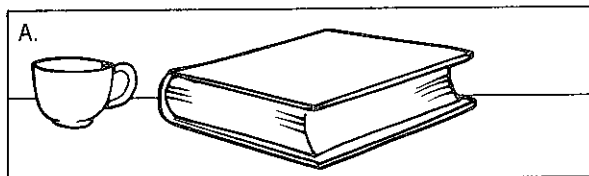
SOME PREPOSITIONS OF LOCATION*

above
 around
 at
 behind
 below
 beside
 between

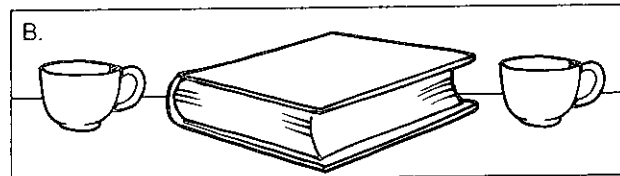
far (away) from
 in
 in back of
 in the back of
 in front of
 in the front of
 in the middle of

inside
 near
 next to
 on
 on top of
 outside
 under

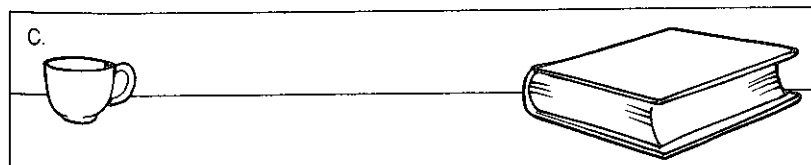
*Prepositions of location are also called "prepositions of place."



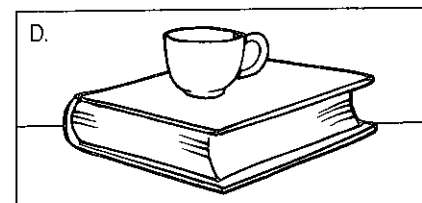
The book is **beside** the cup.
 The book is **next to** the cup.
 The book is **near** the cup.



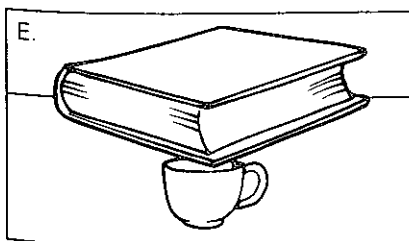
The book is **between** two cups.



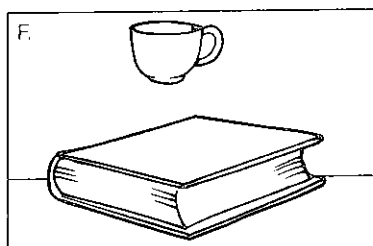
In picture C, the book is **far away from** the cup.



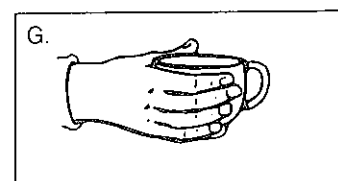
The cup is **on** the book.
 The cup is **on top of** the book.



The cup is **under** the book.

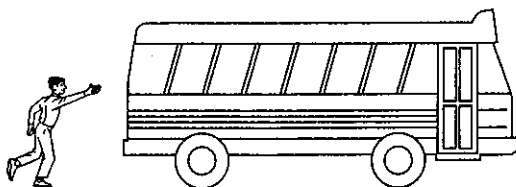


The cup is **above** the book.



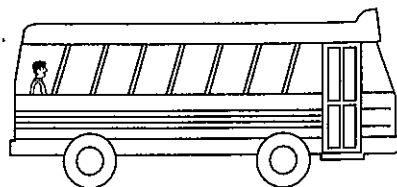
A hand is **around** the cup.

H.



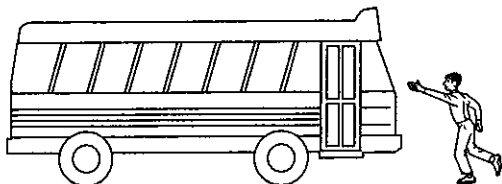
The man is **in back of** the bus.
The man is **behind** the bus.

I.



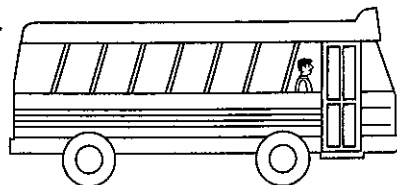
The man is **in the back of** the bus.

J.



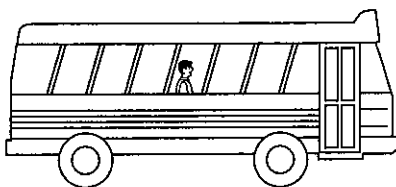
The man is **in front of** the bus.
In H and J, the man is **outside** the bus.

K.




The man is **in the front of** the bus.
In I and K, the man is **inside** the bus.

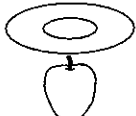
L.



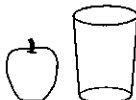
The man is **in the middle of** the bus.

■ **EXERCISE 37:** Describe the pictures by completing the sentences with prepositional expressions of location. There may be more than one possible completion.

1.  The apple is on, on top of the plate.

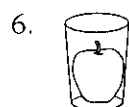
2.  The apple is _____ the plate.

3.  The apple is _____ the plate.

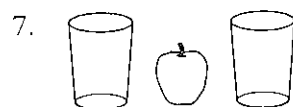
4.  The apple is _____ the glass.



The apple isn't near the glass. It is _____ the glass.



The apple is _____ the glass.



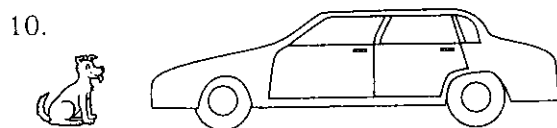
The apple is _____ two glasses.



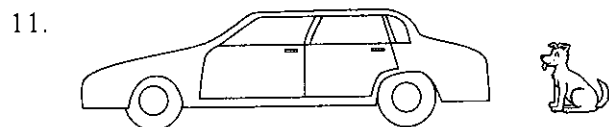
A hand is _____ the glass.



The dog isn't inside the car. The dog is _____ the car.

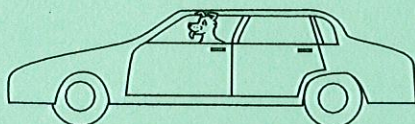


The dog is in _____ of the car.



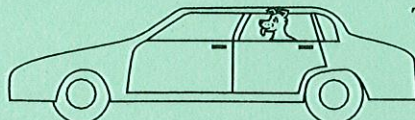
The dog is in _____ of the car.

12.



The dog is in _____ of the car.

13.



The dog is in _____ of the car.

■ **EXERCISE 38—ORAL:** Pair up with a classmate. Choose objects in the classroom (a book, a pen, an eraser, a cup, your hand, etc.) to demonstrate the meaning of the PREPOSITIONS in the list.

Example:

STUDENT A: Can you show me the meaning of “under”?

STUDENT B: Yes. The pen is under the book. Now it's your turn to demonstrate the meaning of “under.”

STUDENT A: Okay. My hand is under this table.

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. under | 7. in the middle of | 13. in back of |
| 2. above | 8. around | 14. in front of |
| 3. next to | 9. near | 15. in the back of |
| 4. between | 10. far (away) from | 16. in the front of |
| 5. inside | 11. behind | |
| 6. on top of | 12. below | |

■ **EXERCISE 39:** Complete the sentences with *in*, *on*, or *at*.

- Pablo lives _____ Canada.
- He lives _____ Toronto.
- He lives _____ Lake Street.
- He lives _____ 5541 Lake Street _____ Toronto, Canada.

Complete the sentences:

- I live _____. (*name of country*)
- I live _____. (*name of city*)
- I live _____. (*name of street*)
- I live _____. (*address*)