

prepositions in place phrases

The following are the main prepositions which we use in place phrases:

preposition	meaning / use	examples
at	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shows a point in space where something is happening useful phrases: with verbs that show place: <i>be, wait, sit, stay, live</i> 	<p>There was a huge queue at the bus stop.</p> <p>at the bottom of the pile, at the top of the hill, at the corner of the street, at the crossroads, at home, at Brenda's, at school, at work, at a hotel, at the table, at university, at the wedding, at the funeral ✗ I'm fed up with being in my home all the time. ✓ I'm fed up with being at home all the time.</p> <p>Our house is at the end of the road. We live at number 18 Hill Street. I waited at the door for five minutes.</p>
in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tells us that something taking place is inside rather than outside: it can be used with verbs of movement useful phrases: with <i>arrive</i> when we talk about large cities and countries with verbs which do not involve movement: <i>be, live, wait, sit, stay</i> 	<p>No running is allowed in the building. Come in the office.</p> <p>in a chair, in an armchair, in bed, in a book, in the centre, in the country, in the world, in hospital, in prison, in a hotel, in the middle of the road, in the centre of town, in the newspaper, in the north/south, in the open air, in the park, in the mountains, in a queue, in the sky, in town, in the city, in London, in Europe, in a place/area, etc.</p> <p>We arrived in the United States on Wednesday. I live in the old town. I am in the living-room. Wait for me in the pub. How many people are in the room?</p>
on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> useful phrases: 	<p>She likes lying on the beach. They spent the summer on an island. They have a house on the coast. on the island of Crete, on board, on a cruise, on an excursion, on a trip, on a tour, on Earth, on a stool, on a farm, on a mountain, on the outskirts, on page three, on the pavement, on the radio, on TV, on the screen, on the streets, on top of the box, on the corner of the street</p>

We arrived **in** Loutro
on the island of Crete
and found a small hotel
at the end of the bay.

