Prepositions of place

In can mean inside an area; at can locate someone at a point or destination.

Use the full context: in the classroom means inside it; at school often means there as a student.

Worked example

The children are **at** school; their teacher is **in** the classroom.

Complete each gap with in or at.

01. El pasaporte está guardado dentro del cajón.
The passport is kept _____ the drawer.

02. El pasaporte está guardado dentro del bolso.
The passport is kept _____ the bag.

03. El pasaporte está guardado dentro de la caja fuerte.
The passport is kept _____ the safe.

04. El pasaporte está guardado dentro de la mochila.
The passport is kept _____ the backpack.

05. Hay alguien esperando junto a la puerta.
Someone is waiting _____ the door.

06. Hay alguien esperando en la parada.
Someone is waiting _____ the bus stop.

07. Hay alguien esperando en la entrada.
Someone is waiting _____ the entrance.

08. Hay alguien esperando en el mostrador.
Someone is waiting _____ the counter.

09. Mis primos viven en una ciudad pequeña.
My cousins live _____ a small town.

10. Mis primos viven en la costa.
My cousins live _____ the coast.

11. Mis primos viven en el norte del país.
My cousins live _____ the north of the country.

12. Mis primos viven en el centro de Madrid.
My cousins live _____ central Madrid.

13. El autobús nos espera en el aeropuerto.
The bus is waiting _____ the airport.

14. El autobús nos espera en la estación.
The bus is waiting _____ the station.

15. El autobús nos espera en la entrada del hotel.
The bus is waiting _____ the hotel entrance.

16. El autobús nos espera en la puerta del colegio.
The bus is waiting _____ the school gate.

17. La niña está jugando en el jardín.
The girl is playing _____ the garden.

18. La niña está jugando en el parque.
The girl is playing _____ the park.

19. La niña está jugando en el patio.
The girl is playing _____ the playground.

20. La niña está jugando en el campo.
The girl is playing _____ the field.

In or at?

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. El coche giró a la derecha en el semáforo.
The car turned right _____ the traffic lights.

22. El coche giró a la derecha en la siguiente esquina.
The car turned right _____ the next corner.

23. El coche giró a la derecha en el cruce.
The car turned right _____ the junction.

24. El coche giró a la derecha en la rotonda.
The car turned right _____ the roundabout.

25. La nota está escrita en la última página del libro.
The note is written _____ the last page of the book.

26. La nota está escrita en el margen.
The note is written _____ the margin.

27. La nota está escrita en el centro del documento.
The note is written _____ the middle of the document.

28. La nota está escrita en la parte superior de la hoja.
The note is written _____ the top of the page.

29. Los estudiantes están en clase como alumnos.
The students are _____ school.

30. Los estudiantes están en el colegio durante la jornada.
The students are _____ school for the day.

31. Los estudiantes están en la universidad para asistir a clase.
The students are _____ university for their class.

32. Los estudiantes están en la escuela de música para su lección.
The students are _____ music school for their lesson.

33. El profesor está dentro del aula.
The teacher is _____ the classroom.

34. El profesor está dentro del edificio de la escuela.
The teacher is _____ the school building.

35. El profesor está en el laboratorio.
The teacher is _____ the laboratory.

36. El profesor está en el gimnasio.
The teacher is _____ the gym.

37. El tren para en la estación central.
The train stops _____ the central station.

38. El tren para en la estación de la ciudad.
The train stops _____ the city station.

39. El tren para en la estación del pueblo.
The train stops _____ the village station.

40. El tren para en la estación del aeropuerto.
The train stops _____ the airport station.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The word or phrase that completes the gap is in bold.

01. The passport is kept **in** the drawer.
02. The passport is kept **in** the bag.
03. The passport is kept **in** the safe.
04. The passport is kept **in** the backpack.
05. Someone is waiting **at** the door.
06. Someone is waiting **at** the bus stop.
07. Someone is waiting **at** the entrance.
08. Someone is waiting **at** the counter.
09. My cousins live **in** a small town.
10. My cousins live **in** the coast.
11. My cousins live **in** the north of the country.
12. My cousins live **in** central Madrid.
13. The bus is waiting **at** the airport.
14. The bus is waiting **at** the station.
15. The bus is waiting **at** the hotel entrance.
16. The bus is waiting **at** the school gate.
17. The girl is playing **in** the garden.
18. The girl is playing **in** the park.
19. The girl is playing **in** the playground.
20. The girl is playing **in** the field.
21. The car turned right **at** the traffic lights.
22. The car turned right **at** the next corner.
23. The car turned right **at** the junction.
24. The car turned right **at** the roundabout.
25. The note is written **in** the last page of the book.
26. The note is written **in** the margin.
27. The note is written **in** the middle of the document.
28. The note is written **in** the top of the page.
29. The students are **at** school.
30. The students are **at** school for the day.
31. The students are **at** university for their class.
32. The students are **at** music school for their lesson.
33. The teacher is **in** the classroom.
34. The teacher is **in** the school building.
35. The teacher is **in** the laboratory.
36. The teacher is **in** the gym.
37. The train stops **at** the central station.
38. The train stops **at** the city station.
39. The train stops **at** the village station.
40. The train stops **at** the airport station.