Prepositions of place

Above and below compare levels; under and over often describe a position or movement.

Use **under** for a lower position, **above**/**below** to compare levels, and **over** for movement or covering.

Worked example

The cat is **under** the table. A lamp is **above** it.

Complete each gap with the correct position word.

01. El reloj está colocado por encima de la puerta.
The clock is positioned _____ the door.

02. El reloj está colocado por encima de la chimenea.
The clock is positioned _____ the fireplace.

03. El reloj está colocado por encima de la pizarra.
The clock is positioned _____ the board.

04. El reloj está colocado por encima del escritorio.
The clock is positioned _____ the desk.

05. El perro duerme debajo de la mesa.
The dog is sleeping _____ the table.

06. El perro duerme debajo de la cama.
The dog is sleeping _____ the bed.

07. El perro duerme debajo del banco.
The dog is sleeping _____ the bench.

08. El perro duerme debajo del árbol.
The dog is sleeping _____ the tree.

09. La temperatura bajó por debajo de cero.
The temperature fell _____ zero.

10. La temperatura bajó por debajo de los diez grados.
The temperature fell _____ ten degrees.

11. La temperatura bajó por debajo del punto de congelación.
The temperature fell _____ freezing point.

12. La temperatura bajó por debajo de la media.
The temperature fell _____ the average.

13. El avión voló por encima de la ciudad.
The plane flew _____ over the city.

14. El avión voló sobre las montañas.
The plane flew _____ the mountains.

15. El avión voló por encima del mar.
The plane flew _____ the sea.

16. El avión voló sobre el valle.
The plane flew _____ the valley.

17. El estante está por encima de la lavadora.
The shelf is _____ the washing machine.

18. El estante está por encima del escritorio.
The shelf is _____ the desk.

19. El estante está por encima de la cama.
The shelf is _____ the bed.

20. El estante está por encima del radiador.
The shelf is _____ the radiator.

Vertical positions

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. El gato se refugió debajo del puente.
The cat took shelter _____ the bridge.

22. El gato se refugió debajo de la mesa.
The cat took shelter _____ the table.

23. El gato se refugió debajo del porche.
The cat took shelter _____ the porch.

24. El gato se refugió debajo de la escalera.
The cat took shelter _____ the stairs.

25. El pueblo está por debajo del nivel del mar.
The village is _____ sea level.

26. El pueblo está por debajo de la presa.
The village is _____ the dam.

27. El pueblo está por debajo de la carretera.
The village is _____ the road.

28. El pueblo está por debajo de la cima.
The village is _____ the summit.

29. Colocó una manta por encima del bebé.
She put a blanket _____ over the baby.

30. Colocó una manta sobre sus piernas.
She put a blanket _____ over her legs.

31. Colocó una manta por encima de sus hombros.
She put a blanket _____ over her shoulders.

32. Colocó una manta sobre el perro dormido.
She put a blanket _____ over the sleeping dog.

33. Guardamos las cajas debajo de las escaleras.
We stored the boxes _____ the stairs.

34. Guardamos las cajas debajo de la cama.
We stored the boxes _____ the bed.

35. Guardamos las cajas debajo del banco de trabajo.
We stored the boxes _____ the workbench.

36. Guardamos las cajas debajo del fregadero.
We stored the boxes _____ the sink.

37. La firma aparece debajo de la fecha.
The signature appears _____ the date.

38. La firma aparece debajo de la fotografía.
The signature appears _____ the photograph.

39. La firma aparece debajo del título.
The signature appears _____ the title.

40. La firma aparece debajo de la línea.
The signature appears _____ the line.

Answer key

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

01. The clock is positioned **above** the door.
02. The clock is positioned **above** the fireplace.
03. The clock is positioned **above** the board.
04. The clock is positioned **above** the desk.
05. The dog is sleeping **under** the table.
06. The dog is sleeping **under** the bed.
07. The dog is sleeping **under** the bench.
08. The dog is sleeping **under** the tree.
09. The temperature fell **below** zero.
10. The temperature fell **below** ten degrees.
11. The temperature fell **below** freezing point.
12. The temperature fell **below** the average.
13. The plane flew **over** over the city.
14. The plane flew **over** the mountains.
15. The plane flew **over** the sea.
16. The plane flew **over** the valley.
17. The shelf is **above** the washing machine.
18. The shelf is **above** the desk.
19. The shelf is **above** the bed.
20. The shelf is **above** the radiator.
21. The cat took shelter **under** the bridge.
22. The cat took shelter **under** the table.
23. The cat took shelter **under** the porch.
24. The cat took shelter **under** the stairs.
25. The village is **below** sea level.
26. The village is **below** the dam.
27. The village is **below** the road.
28. The village is **below** the summit.
29. She put a blanket **over** over the baby.
30. She put a blanket **over** over her legs.
31. She put a blanket **over** over her shoulders.
32. She put a blanket **over** over the sleeping dog.
33. We stored the boxes **under** the stairs.
34. We stored the boxes **under** the bed.
35. We stored the boxes **under** the workbench.
36. We stored the boxes **under** the sink.
37. The signature appears **below** the date.
38. The signature appears **below** the photograph.
39. The signature appears **below** the title.
40. The signature appears **below** the line.