Prepositions of place

Use in, on and at according to whether you mean an area, a surface or a point.

Use **in** for an area, **on** for a surface or side, and **at** for a specific point.

Worked example

The café is **on** the corner, near the station.

Complete each gap with in, on or at.

01. Hay una farmacia en el centro de la ciudad.
There is a pharmacy _____ the city centre.

02. Hay una farmacia en el barrio antiguo.
There is a pharmacy _____ the old neighbourhood.

03. Hay una farmacia en la zona comercial.
There is a pharmacy _____ the shopping area.

04. Hay una farmacia en este distrito.
There is a pharmacy _____ this district.

05. La cafetería está en la esquina de la calle.
The café is _____ the corner of the street.

06. La cafetería está en el lado norte de la plaza.
The café is _____ the north side of the square.

07. La cafetería está en la calle principal.
The café is _____ the main street.

08. La cafetería está en la acera de enfrente.
The café is _____ the opposite pavement.

09. El autobús está esperando en la entrada del parque.
The bus is waiting _____ the park entrance.

10. El autobús está esperando en la parada final.
The bus is waiting _____ the final stop.

11. El autobús está esperando en el semáforo.
The bus is waiting _____ the traffic lights.

12. El autobús está esperando en la puerta de la terminal.
The bus is waiting _____ the terminal door.

13. El hotel está en el casco antiguo.
The hotel is _____ the old town.

14. El hotel está en el centro de la ciudad.
The hotel is _____ the city centre.

15. El hotel está en un pueblo costero.
The hotel is _____ a seaside town.

16. El hotel está en el sur de España.
The hotel is _____ the south of Spain.

17. El plano muestra un sendero en la parte izquierda.
The map shows a path _____ the left-hand side.

18. El plano muestra un sendero en la parte derecha.
The map shows a path _____ the right-hand side.

19. El plano muestra un sendero en la página siguiente.
The map shows a path _____ the next page.

20. El plano muestra un sendero en la esquina superior.
The map shows a path _____ the top corner.

Around town

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. La oficina de turismo está en la plaza principal.
The tourist office is _____ the main square.

22. La oficina de turismo está al final de la calle.
The tourist office is _____ the end of the street.

23. La oficina de turismo está en la entrada del museo.
The tourist office is _____ the museum entrance.

24. La oficina de turismo está en el número 8 de la avenida.
The tourist office is _____ number 8 on the avenue.

25. La parada está en una zona residencial.
The stop is _____ a residential area.

26. La parada está en una zona peatonal.
The stop is _____ a pedestrian area.

27. La parada está en un barrio tranquilo.
The stop is _____ a quiet neighbourhood.

28. La parada está en el centro histórico.
The stop is _____ the historic centre.

29. Hay un cajero automático en la pared exterior del banco.
There is an ATM _____ the outside wall of the bank.

30. Hay un cajero automático en la fachada principal del supermercado.
There is an ATM _____ the supermarket’s front wall.

31. Hay un cajero automático en la pared junto a la entrada.
There is an ATM _____ the wall beside the entrance.

32. Hay un cajero automático en el lado izquierdo de la puerta.
There is an ATM _____ the left side of the door.

33. Nos encontramos en la esquina de la plaza.
We met _____ the corner of the square.

34. Nos encontramos en el cruce de las dos calles.
We met _____ the crossroads.

35. Nos encontramos en la entrada de la estación.
We met _____ the station entrance.

36. Nos encontramos en la parada de taxis.
We met _____ the taxi rank.

37. El coche está aparcado en el aparcamiento subterráneo.
The car is parked _____ the underground car park.

38. El coche está aparcado en la calle de atrás.
The car is parked _____ the back street.

39. El coche está aparcado en el garaje del edificio.
The car is parked _____ the building’s garage.

40. El coche está aparcado en una zona habilitada.
The car is parked _____ a designated area.

Answer key

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

01. There is a pharmacy **in** the city centre.
02. There is a pharmacy **in** the old neighbourhood.
03. There is a pharmacy **in** the shopping area.
04. There is a pharmacy **in** this district.
05. The café is **on** the corner of the street.
06. The café is **on** the north side of the square.
07. The café is **on** the main street.
08. The café is **on** the opposite pavement.
09. The bus is waiting **at** the park entrance.
10. The bus is waiting **at** the final stop.
11. The bus is waiting **at** the traffic lights.
12. The bus is waiting **at** the terminal door.
13. The hotel is **in** the old town.
14. The hotel is **in** the city centre.
15. The hotel is **in** a seaside town.
16. The hotel is **in** the south of Spain.
17. The map shows a path **on** the left-hand side.
18. The map shows a path **on** the right-hand side.
19. The map shows a path **on** the next page.
20. The map shows a path **on** the top corner.
21. The tourist office is **at** the main square.
22. The tourist office is **at** the end of the street.
23. The tourist office is **at** the museum entrance.
24. The tourist office is **at** number 8 on the avenue.
25. The stop is **in** a residential area.
26. The stop is **in** a pedestrian area.
27. The stop is **in** a quiet neighbourhood.
28. The stop is **in** the historic centre.
29. There is an ATM **on** the outside wall of the bank.
30. There is an ATM **on** the supermarket’s front wall.
31. There is an ATM **on** the wall beside the entrance.
32. There is an ATM **on** the left side of the door.
33. We met **at** the corner of the square.
34. We met **at** the crossroads.
35. We met **at** the station entrance.
36. We met **at** the taxi rank.
37. The car is parked **in** the underground car park.
38. The car is parked **in** the back street.
39. The car is parked **in** the building’s garage.
40. The car is parked **in** a designated area.