Prepositions of Place

An Elementary Grammar Worksheet from Anna Grammar™

Some words tell us where something is or what place it is in.

For example above, below, behind, in front of, next to, in, inside, opposite, under, next to, beside, on.



The ball is *in* the box.

The ball is *inside* the box.



The black ball is *in front of* the brown box.

The brown box is **behind** the black ball.



The ball is *next* to the box.

The ball is **beside** the box.



The ball is **between** the boxes.



The light is **above** the box.

The box is **below** the light.



The ball is on the table.



The ball is *under* the table.

The ball is **below** the table.

The box is **among** the balls.

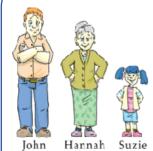


The ball is **against** the wall.



The ball is *near* the box.

Exercise 1



- 1. John is in front of / next to Hannah.
- 2. Hannah is ______ above / between John and Susie.
- 3. Susie is ______ among / beside Hannah.



4. The woman is sitting ______ on / under the stool.

5. The stool is **on / under** the woman.

6. The cotton reel is ______ inside / near the needle.



Exercise 2

Complete the gaps in this description of the picture of a job interview with the correct preposition.

- **1.** The interviewer is sitting ______ behind / above / beside a desk.
- 2. She is holding some papers _____ on / in / above her hands.
- **3.** There are some papers on /in / above her desk.
- **4.** Behind / above / beside the interviewee is the open door.
- **5.** The interviewee is sitting on / under / above a chair.
- **6.** She is holding her hands under / above / in her lap.
- 7. She is sitting ______ near / above / behind the interviewer.
- 8. There is a certificate on / above / under the wall.



Answer Key:

Exercise 1

1. next to, 2. between,3. beside, 4. on, 5. under, 6. near

Exercise 2:

1. behind, 2. in, 3. on, 4. Behind, 5. on, 6. in, 7. near, 8. on