Describing objects



In this picture, a girl is sitting at a table, looking at some pieces of paper. Above her head, there is a big lamp. There is a rug under the table.

In this picture, a boy is standing by his bedroom window, looking **outside**. The garden **below** looks lovely. The sky is **blue** and the leaves on the trees are **green**. The boy can see his dog **behind** the trees.



Hi Mum and Dad,	Place Stamp Here
I'm writing this on the beach. The sand is white, the sea is blue, and we're having a fantastic holiday! Our hotel is big but very nice. The first room they gave us was above the disco, but they let us move to a different one, which is nice and quiet. Wish you were here!	Mr & Mrs Green, Springside Cottage, Newtown,
Lots of love Gemma	NT3 ZAZ,
××	UK.

good to know!

Adjectives of size come before adjectives of colour: He was wearing a <u>big black</u> hat.

Words that describe things

above	PREPOSITION If one thing is above another, it is over it or higher than it.
at	PREPOSITION You use at to say where something happens or is situated.
behind	PREPOSITION If something is behind a thing or person, it is at the back of it.
below	PREPOSITION If something is below something else, it is in a lower position.
big	ADJECTIVE Someone or something that is big is large in size.
black	ADJECTIVE Something that is black is the colour of the sky at night.
blue	ADJECTIVE Something that is blue is the colour of the sky on a sunny day.
bottom	NOUN The bottom of something is the lowest part of it.
brown	ADJECTIVE Something that is brown is the colour of earth or wood.
different	ADJECTIVE If two people or things are different, they are not like each other.
glass	NOUN Glass is used for making things such as windows and bottles.
green	ADJECTIVE Something that is green is the colour of grass or leaves.
important	ADJECTIVE If something is important to you, you feel that you must do, have, or think about it.
inside	PREPOSITION, ADVERB Something or someone that is inside something is in it.
object	NOUN An object is anything that has a fixed shape or form and that is not alive.

outside	PREPOSITION, ADVERB If you are outside, you are not in a building, but you are very close to it				
paper	NOUN Paper is a material that you write on or wrap things with.				
red	ADJECTIVE Something that is red is the colour of blood or of a tomato.				
under	PREPOSITION If a person or a thing is under something, they are below it.				
white	ADJECTIVE Something that is white is the colour of snow or milk.				
yellow	ADJECTIVE Something that is yellow is the colour of lemons or butter.				

Exercise 1

Find the words that do not belong, as shown.

1 Colours	black	glass	yellow
2 Positions	above	inside	red
3 Materials	under	paper	glass
4 Colours	blue	brown	below
5 Positions	big	behind	below
6 Colours	bottom	white	red
7 Positions	outside	paper	under
8 Colours	green	behind	black

Exercise 2

For each question, tick the correct answer, as shown.

1	What colour is the sky on a sunny day? If blue
	above
	☐ big
2	What is a window made of?
	☐ white
	different
	glass
3	What can you write on?
	at
	green
	☐ paper
4	Where is your neck?
	☐ below your head
	above your head
	☐ behind your head
5	Where is a garden usually?
	under a house
	inside a house
	Outside a house

Exercise 3

Choose the correct word.

- 1 My new phone is very important / outside / different from my old phone.
- 2 We have four children, so we need a big / below / behind car.
- 3 If a different / paper / glass bottle breaks, it can cut you.
- 4 The outside / above / big walls of my house are painted white.
- 5 Ben stood at the bottom / inside / under of the stairs.
- 6 People's families are very brown / above / important to them.

Exercise 4

Put the correct word in each gap.

il	nsid	de	impor	tant	under	outside	bottom	at	paper	green
The	e h	ouse	was ver	y hot,	so Steven	went 1		into the	garden. H	e looked around
the	ga	arden	. There	was a p	oiece of 2_		on the	grass 3_		a tree.
He	loc	ked a	at it. The	ere wa	s a name a	t the 4		It was t	the name o	f the country's
pre	sic	lent, a	and som	ethin	g about hir	n. Steven tho	ught it was	5		He was worried
He	We	nt ba	ck 6		t	he house to ta	alk to some	one abo	ut it.	
Ex	er	cise	5							
Wr	ite	the n	nissing	word i	in sentenc	e B so that it	means the s	same as	sentence /	A, as shown.
1	A	Му ра	arents'f	lat is b	elow my fl	at.				
1	В	My fla	at is	abo	ver	ny parents' fla	it.			
2	A	The w	voman s	tood i	n front of a	big picture.				
	В	There	was a b	ig pic	ture		the woman.			
3	3 A The computer was on a desk in front of everyone in the room.									
	В	The c	ompute	r was	on a desk .		the fro	nt of th	e room.	
4	A	We di	idn't go	outsid	le, because	it was rainin	g.			
9	В	We st	ayed			, because it w	as raining.			
Ex	er	cise	6							
Wh	nich	sent	tences a	re cor	rect?					
1	There were some red and white paper flowers in the room.							•		
2	On	the t	able the	re was	a boat ma	de of glass, a	nd there we	re some	e old clothe	25
	und	der th	e table.							
3	My new shirt is blue and bottom, and it's different from all my other shirts.									
4	I took a photo of some brown horses, with trees behind them.									
5	My mobile phone is very important to me, and I like it because it isn't below.									
6	The	ere we	ere a lot	of yel	low, green	and black clo	thes on the	table o	utside the s	shop.