

A in hospital / at work etc.

We say that somebody is **in bed** / **in hospital** / **in prison**:

- James isn't up yet. He's still **in bed**.
- Anna's mother is **in hospital**.

We say that somebody is **at home** / **at work** / **at school** / **at university** / **at college**:

- I'll be **at work** until 5.30.
- My sister is **at university**. My brother is still **at school**.

We say **be at home** or **be home** (with or without **at**), but **do something at home** (with **at**):

- I'll **be home** all evening. *or* I'll **be at home** all evening.
- Shall we go to a restaurant or **eat at home**?

B at a party / at a concert etc.

We say that somebody is **at** an event (**at a party**, **at a conference** etc.):

- Were there many people **at the party** / **at the meeting** / **at the wedding**?
- I saw Steve **at a conference** / **at a concert** on Saturday.

C in and at for buildings

You can often use **in** or **at** with buildings. For example, you can eat **in a restaurant** or **at a restaurant**; you can buy food **in a supermarket** or **at a supermarket**.

We usually say **at** when we say where an event takes place (a concert, a party, a meeting etc.):

- We went to a concert **at the National Concert Hall**.
- The meeting took place **at the company's head office** in Frankfurt.
- There was a robbery **at the supermarket**.

We say **at** somebody's house:

- I was **at Helen's house** last night. *or* I was **at Helen's** last night.

In the same way we say **at the doctor's**, **at the hairdresser's** etc.

We use **in** when we are thinking about the building itself. Compare **at** and **in**:

- I was **at Helen's** (house) last night.
It's always cold **in Helen's house**. The heating doesn't work well. (*not* at Helen's house)
- We had dinner **at the hotel**.
All the rooms **in the hotel** have air conditioning. (*not* at the hotel)

We say **at the station** / **at the airport**:

- There's no need to meet me **at the station**. I can get a taxi.

D in and at for towns etc.

We normally use **in** with cities, towns and villages:

- The Louvre is a famous art museum **in Paris**. (*not* at Paris)
- Sam's parents live **in a village** in the south of France. (*not* at a village)

We use **at** when we think of the place as a point or station on a journey:

- Does this train stop **at Oxford**? (= at Oxford station)

E on a bus / in a car etc.

We usually say **on a bus** / **on a train** / **on a plane** / **on a ship** *but* **in a car** / **in a taxi**:

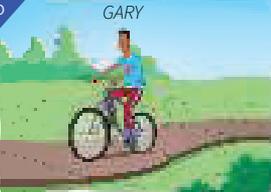
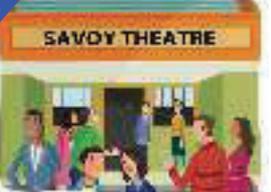
- The bus** was very full. There were too many people **on it**.
- Laura arrived **in a taxi**.

We say **on a bike** (= bicycle) / **on a motorbike** / **on a horse**:

- Jane passed me **on her bike**.

Exercises

125.1 Complete the sentences about the pictures. Use **in**, **at** or **on** with the words below the pictures.

<p>1  (the airport)</p>	<p>2  (a train) DAVE</p>	<p>3  (a conference) KAREN</p>	<p>4  (hospital) MARTIN</p>
<p>5  (the hairdresser's) JUDY</p>	<p>6  (his bike) GARY</p>	<p>7  (New York)</p>	<p>8  (the Savoy Theatre)</p>

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| 1 You can hire a car <u>at the airport</u> | 5 Judy is |
| 2 Dave is | 6 I saw Gary |
| 3 Karen is | 7 We spent a few days |
| 4 Martin | 8 We went to a show |

125.2 Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **at** or **on** + the following:

the plane the station a taxi the art gallery
Tokyo school prison the sports centre

- Some people are in prison for crimes that they did not commit.
- We can get coffee while we're waiting for our train.
- We walked to the restaurant, but we went home
- I play basketball on Friday evenings.
- I enjoyed the flight, but the food was awful.
- Vicky has gone to Japan. She's living
- 'Does your sister have a job?' 'No, she's only 16. She's still
- There's a new exhibition of paintings Let's go and see it.

125.3 Complete these sentences with **in**, **at** or **on**.

- We went to a concert at the National Concert Hall.
- There isn't a shop the village where I live. It's very small.
- Joe wasn't the party. I don't know why he didn't go.
- There were about ten tables the restaurant, and four tables outside.
- I don't know where my umbrella is. Perhaps I left it the bus.
- What do you want to study university?
- I didn't feel well when I woke up, so I stayed bed.
- We were Sarah's house last night. She invited us to dinner.
- It was a very slow train. It stopped every station.
- Shall we travel your car or mine?
- We took a taxi and Ben followed his motorbike.
- I'd like to see a movie. What's on the cinema this week?
- We went to see a movie last night. It was really cold the cinema.
- Two people were injured in the accident and are still hospital.
- Our flight was delayed. We had to wait the airport for three hours.
- I didn't expect you to be home. I thought you'd be work.