

## In or on

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Simple definition	Within the area or confines of; inside	Upon and above the surface of; supported by (the surface of)
Location/place	Use for areas and spaces: Oh, to be in England; Elvis is in the building.	Use for surfaces: Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall; Eggshell was found on the floor.
Water	Within or under the water: They splashed about in the river; Three fish live in our pond; The ship sank in the Atlantic.	On top of or upon the water: The ship sailed on the sea; The swans floated majestically on the lake.
Date and time	Use to refer to spanning periods: She was born in April; Emphasis was founded in 1998.  Also use to indicate how long it is until an event: I've got a knitting class in two days' time.	Use to refer to particular dates or days of the week: She was born on 1 April (no joke); I go to knitting classes on Tuesdays; On that occasion, I couldn't be bothered. [Note: for exact times, use at: The class is at 6 o'clock.]
Miscellaneous	With reference to: In my humble opinion, knitting is rubbish; In any case, it's unfashionable.	The grounds for or basis of: On her recommendation, I gave up knitting; On principle, I kept the needles.
	Associated with (often professionally): He's in show business.	For the purpose of: He went to Las Vegas on business.
	By means of: She paid me in instalments	About; concerning: for the book on Johnny Cash.

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