

# 5 Getting Around

Prepositions of Place and Means –  
in / on / at / by

Date:

Grade:

I don't want to go to school **by** school bus.

The boys **on** the school bus are naughty and noisy.

No way! I like playing and laughing with my classmates **on** the school bus!

Why not?

Alright. We can go to school **by** MTR.



## Grammar Explained

a) We use **prepositions of place** to show where we are.

**in** a building, a district, a city    **in** the bank, **in** Jordan, **in** Tokyo

**on** a kind of transport, a surface    **on** a bus, **on** the platform

**at** a point, a specific place    **at** a bus stop, **at** home

b) We use **prepositions of means** to talk about ways to get to places.

**by** transport    **by** bus, **by** taxi, **by** MTR, **by** tram

**on** walking    **on** foot



## Helpful Tips

We don't use articles ('a', 'an' or 'the') after 'by'.

✗ **by a** minibus

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**A** Connie is thinking about different ways she uses to get around. Draw lines to match the prepositions to the correct pictures.

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2.   
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**B** Connie is talking about her classmates. Circle the correct answers.

1. Samson goes to school  by /  on foot.
2. Liam waits for May after school  at /  on the MTR station.
3. Every morning, Ray reads comics  in /  on the bus.
4. Heidi meets Jacob  on /  in the park every week.
5. Katie lives  in /  on Yau Tong.
6. Every day, I go to school with Julie  by /  on school bus.
7. Mary studies  in /  on the library before going home.





**C** Mrs Kim is talking about her family. Fill in the blanks with 'in', 'on', 'at' or 'by'.

1. I live \_\_\_\_\_ Shatin. I sometimes go to the supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ foot.
2. Cody and Connie's school is \_\_\_\_\_ Kowloon Tong. They go to school \_\_\_\_\_ school bus.
3. Connie likes to read \_\_\_\_\_ school.
4. Cody and Jojo don't like to stay \_\_\_\_\_ home. They like to play \_\_\_\_\_ the playground.
5. Mr Kim and I like going to museums. My favourite museum is \_\_\_\_\_ London.
-  6. I like to take pictures \_\_\_\_\_ the red telephone kiosks there.



## Proofreading

**D** Underline the mistakes and write the correct answers on the lines.

1. Hilda and Felix go to Tsim Sha Tsui on ferry. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ian likes to watch films on the cinema. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A lot of people are waiting in the platform. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Molly is standing in the taxi stand.  4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sarah likes eating at her bedroom. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. There are many national parks at Sydney.  6. \_\_\_\_\_



## Daily Life Grammar


- E** Connie is writing a diary entry about a trip to Ngong Ping. Complete her diary entry with 'in', 'on', 'at' or 'by'.

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My family and I visit Ngong Ping today. We go there ① \_\_\_\_\_ cable car. There are many trees ② \_\_\_\_\_ Ngong Ping. The air is fresh. The Ngong Ping Village is near the cable car terminal so we go there ③ \_\_\_\_\_ foot. Mum buys a lot of things ④ \_\_\_\_\_ the market.

In the afternoon, we have lunch ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ a Chinese restaurant. There is a statue  ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ Lamma Island. Dad says it is called the Big Buddha. We take some photos there. I want to go home ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ bus but there are a lot of people lining up ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop. Finally, we take the cable car back to the MTR station.

I think today is a little bit boring. I hope we can go to a more interesting place next time.