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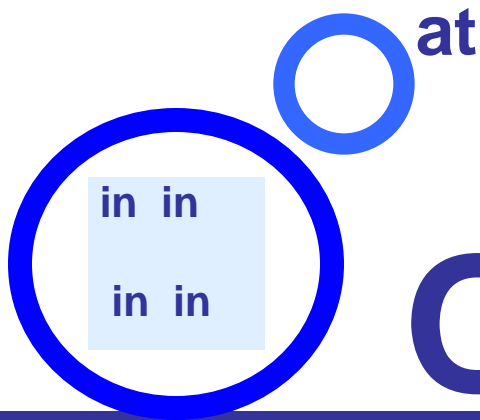
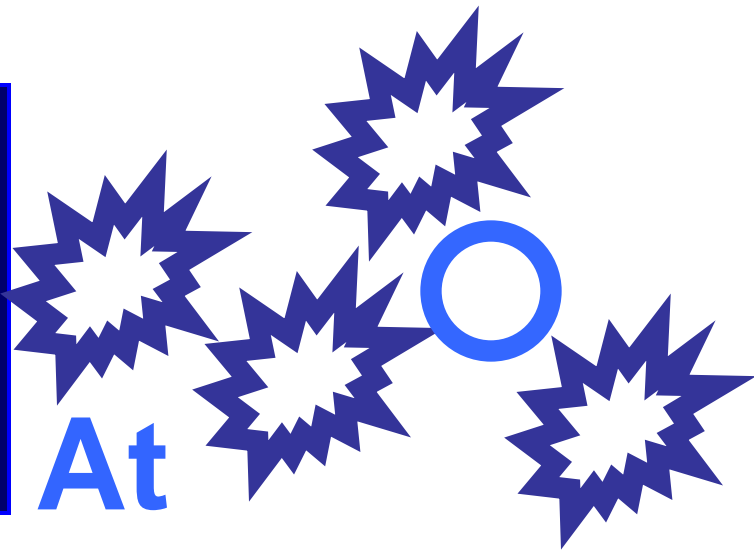
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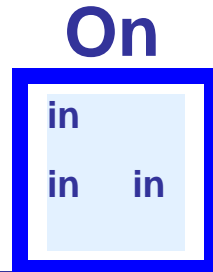
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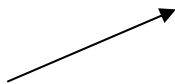


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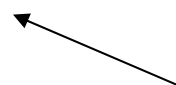
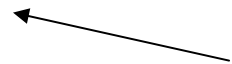


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## Some Guidelines and Notes for Using In On At

in - Use "in" for spaces with limitations. Use "in" for enclosed areas.

on - Use "on" for surfaces. Use on for spaces within a larger area.

at - Use "at" for locations.

in - Use "in" for enclosed spaces. This applies to both physical space and time.

on - Use "on" for surfaces. This applies to both physical space and time.

at - Use "at" for locations. This applies to both physical space and time.

Use "on" with: street names, days of the week, dates, specific time frames, holidays

Use "in" with: names of cities, towns, states, provinces, countries; years, months, specific weeks, large comfortable chairs

Use "at" with: street names and numbers, specific times, locations that are not in view when speaking, at a table

note: in the house, at home,

note: at Joe's house - Use "at" for locations that are not in view at the time of speaking.

We can say "in bed" even though "bed" is a surface.

We say "on the bed" when bed is used for something other than sleeping.

They're sitting on the bed. - bed - thought of as surface when used as a seat

Hellen is still in bed. - bed - thought of as an enclosed area when used for sleeping

They are sitting at the table.

table - location

They are sitting on the table.

table - surface