

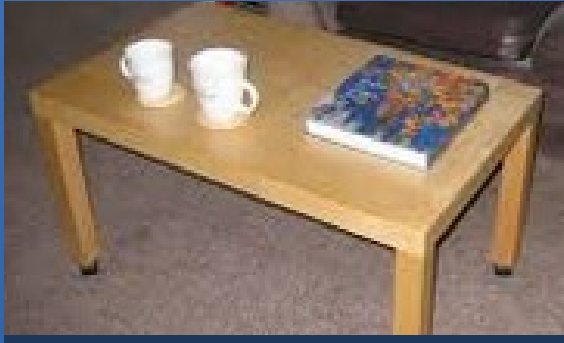
# Confusing Prepositions

in / on / at

of / from

to / for

# Is it 'in', 'on' or 'at'?



The book is  
\_\_\_\_\_  
the table.

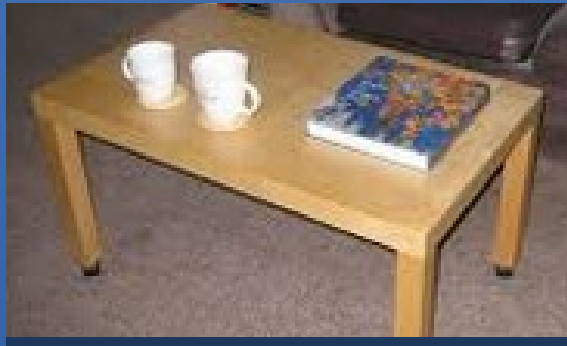


The keys are  
\_\_\_\_\_  
my pocket.



Mark is  
\_\_\_\_\_  
the bank.

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# 'in', 'on' or 'at' the beach?



My family is  
——  
the beach.

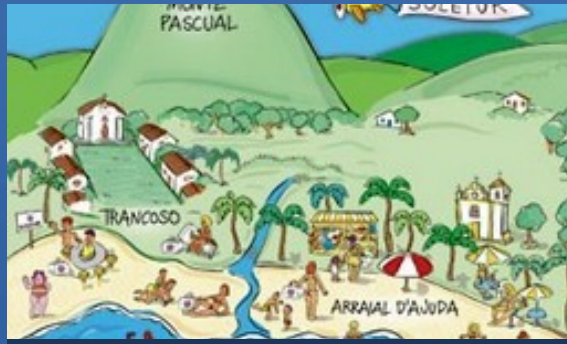


Jennifer is  
——  
the beach.



Justin is  
——  
the beach.

# 'in', 'on' or 'at' the beach?



My family is  
at  
the beach.



Jennifer is  
on  
the beach.



Justin is  
in  
the beach.

## The 90% Rule

We use 'in' to mean 'inside'

We use 'on' to mean 'on top'

We use 'at' to mean 'visiting'

# Is it 'of' or 'from'?



He is the owner  
—  
the hotel.



He is the father  
—  
my best friend.



I drove  
—  
Chicago to NY.

# Is it 'of' or 'from'?



He is the owner  
of  
the hotel.



He is the father  
of  
my best friend.



I drove  
from  
Chicago to NY.

## The 90% Rule

We use 'of' to  
mean  
'possession'

We use 'of' to  
mean  
'belonging'

We use 'from'  
to mean  
'origin'

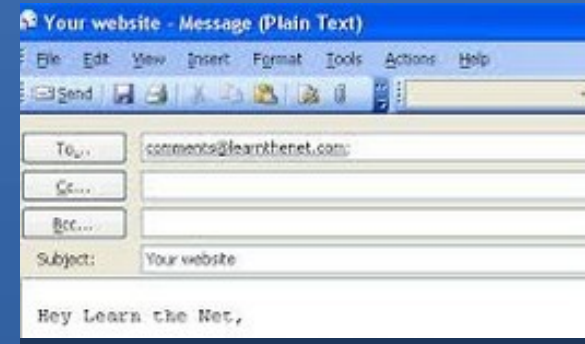
# Is it 'to' or 'for'?



I drove  
from Chicago  
\_\_\_ NY.



I gave  
some flowers  
\_\_\_ Jane.



I sent  
an e-mail  
\_\_\_ Bob.

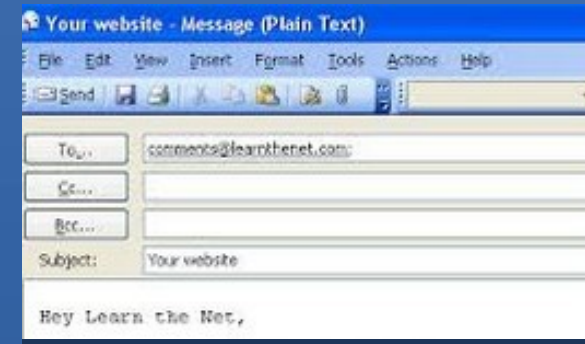
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# The 90% Rule

We use 'to' to mean 'destination'

We use 'for' to mean 'reason'

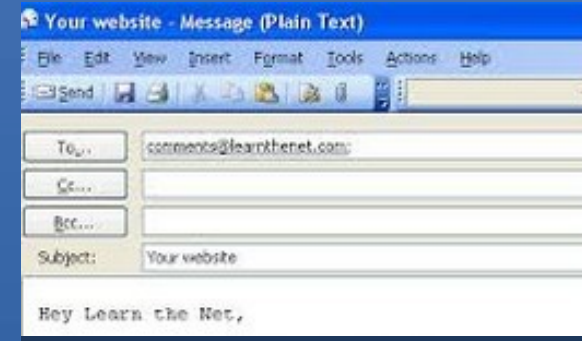
# The Reason ....



I drove  
from Chicago  
to NY  
for a meeting.



I gave  
some flowers  
to Jane  
for her birthday.



I sent  
an e-mail  
to Bob  
for project dates.