

Here we are at our second appointment in this unit.

In the previous lesson we learnt how to express movement.

Now we will focus on how to express where something is located.

In order to do this we need these pairs of words:

Above, over/ below, under

In front of/ behind

Near, next to/far from

On the right/on the left

Inside, in/outside

Between or among

Let's focus on each pair and how to use these words.

'On' and its contrary 'under'

'The bottle is on the table'

Another possibility to describe this position is:

'The bottle is on the table'

You can see that in this case we have used the preposition 'on' and the words 'the' and 'table'.

The preposition "su" merges with the word "il" thus forming "sul", "sul tavolo" (on the table)

The contrary of this position is 'under'.

'The bottle is under the table.'

Here is another position:

'In front of' with its contrary 'behind'

Let's see:

'The bottle is in front of the table.'

'The bottle is behind the table.'

You can see that in this case we have used the preposition 'a' which merges with the masculine article 'il' thus forming the single word 'al', 'the table'.

'Near' and 'far from'

Let's make two examples:

'The bottle is near the table'

Here we have 'a+il' again, which becomes 'the table'

The contrary of 'near' is 'far from':

'The bottle is far from the table.'

In this case we have the preposition 'da' and the article 'il' which merge to form the word 'dal', 'the table'

Here we have the two contrary words 'on the right' and 'on the left'

'The bottle is on the left of the table.'

'The bottle is on the right of the table.'

In this case it is the preposition 'di' which merges with 'il' and forms 'del', 'the table'.

Now, let's see 'inside' or 'in' and its contrary 'outside'.

'The water is inside the bottle.'

Or:

'The water is in the bottle.'

The preposition 'in' and the word 'la' merge to form 'nella', 'in the bottle.'

Now, let's look at the contrary:

'The water is outside the bottle.'

The preposition 'da' and the word 'la' merge to form 'dalla', 'the bottle'.

This is the last example of how to describe the position of something; through the use of 'between' and 'among', with no difference in meaning.

Here you have the example:

'The bottle is between the table and the chair.'

Is everything ok?

Bye for now guys and see you, as always, at our next lesson.