

II. Organising information

Describing in spatial order

Describing in spatial order means that you arrange the items according to their physical position or relationships. That is to say, paragraphs of spatial order follow geographical direction or move from one place to another.

Here are some of the prepositions used in descriptive writing to signal spatial relationships. Can you think of any others?

above
nearby
outside

below
beyond

beside
inside

EXERCISE 4

Read the following paragraph about Tim and his girlfriend. Do you understand what happened? Draw out the route Tim took.

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