

Prepositions: Across From, In Front Of

FORM:

across from

in front of

USE:

The differences between “**across from**” and “**in front of**” is often difficult to understand. Both words tell us that two objects are facing each other if we are trying to describe their locations. However, “**across from**” is used to indicate that there is something between the two things that are facing each other. If we want to name what is between the two objects, we put it between “**across**” and “**from**”. For example: “*The bank is across the street from my office.*” The bank and my office are facing each other, with a street between them. Other things that can go between two objects are a street, a river, a park or a large room.

When there is nothing significant between two objects, we say that one is “**in front of**” the other. For example, we can say, “*I parked in front of the bank.*”

EXAMPLES:

*Niagara Falls, New York is across the river from Niagara Falls, Ontario.
It is impossible to park your car right in front of the Falls.
If you visit the tunnel under the falls, the water falls in front of you.*

Complete the sentences with either **ACROSS FROM** or **IN FRONT OF**.

1. The child stood _____ her Dad so she could see the parade.
2. She is sitting _____ her computer.
3. Jill’s office is at 1020 Main Street. Jack’s office is at 1019. Jack works _____ Jill.
4. The drug store is on the other side of the street. In fact, it’s right _____ this grocery store.
5. That tree growing _____ my window is blocking all of our sunlight.
6. Ms. Miller was surprised to see her boss _____ her in line at the bank.
7. Looking over the lake, Mary could see the mountains _____ her hotel.