

The dative case with the prepositions **in** and **an**.



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To answer a “wo” question, **in** and **an** (and some others) are followed by the dative case.

Let's review dative!!!

- Location is dative.
- der -> dem
- die -> der
- das -> dem
- Die (pl) -> den

- **In** can be followed by the name of a city, town, state, or country (**EXCEPTION: ISLANDS**)
- Wo warst du?
 - Ich war **in** Dresden. (city)
 - Ich war **in** Sachsen. (state)
 - Ich war **in** Deutschland. (country)
- **EXCEPTION:**
 - Ich war **auf** Hawaii. (state)

- For feminine or plural place names, the noun phrase is dative.
- Wo warst du?
 - Ich war **in der** Schweiz.
 - Ich war **in der** Türkei.
 - Ich war **in den** Vereinigten Staaten.

in+dem= im

- **In** is followed by dative case forms with all specific locations (areas, buildings, rooms).
- **im** is a contraction of **in+dem**
- Wo warst du?
 - Ich war **im** Gebirge, **in den** Bergen...
 - Ich war **im** Museum, **im** Rathaus, **in der** Oper...
 - Ich war **im** Garten, **in der** Kirche...

- **An**, at, is followed by dative case when indicating location. **Am** is a contraction of **an+dem**.
- Wo liegt das?
 - **Am** See, **am** Meer, **an der** Nordsee
 - **Am** Main, **an der** Elbe
- Basically, use **an/am** with water.