

Over, above ★★☆☆

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1 First meaning

Both words mean “higher than (but there’s a difference)”



**There’s a light above the cot.
“Put a blanket over the baby”**

Over is from side to side, and/or touching.

Above is not from side to side, and not touching.

More examples:

Someone spilt milk all over the table!

The plane flew over the Atlantic.

Hang the picture there, above the other one.

Put the cheese on the top shelf above the butter.

2 Second meaning

Over means “more than”:

She’s over eighteen.

It costs over 25 Euros!

Your luggage is over 20 kilos.

Above means “higher than”:

At 2°, the temperature is above freezing.

I’m 5th in the class, but Sam is above me.

Liverpool is above Man United in the league table.

Complete these sentences with one of these words:

over above

1 The car was travelling at _____ 70 miles an hour.

2 The young man was seriously _____ weight.

3 He’s _____ me in the company, but I don’t take orders from him.

4 He leant _____ the table and picked up the salt.

5 Jimmy ran _____ the road, narrowly missing a car.

6 Water turns to steam if it goes _____ boiling point.

7 Persons _____ 65 years of age are entitled to free transport in London.

8 There’s a dirty mark on the wall, _____ the light switch.

9 A good hotel will certainly be _____ £30 a night.

10 He left his things all _____ the floor.

11 “Can you see the dictionaries? Look at the shelf _____ that, and you’ll see the book.”

12 “My name is _____ yours in the list, so I should be seen first.”

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