

LOCATIVE VERBS

The position of structures in the body may be described according to:

- (i) *position*: The stomach lies in the abdominal cavity.
The oesophagus is posterior to the trachea.
- (ii) *direction*: The stomach extends downwards and to the left.
The oesophagus descends through the thorax.

The tables below show some common verbs of position and direction.

position	direction
be, be found, lie, be situated, be located [in, at]	be directed, lead, run, extend, pass, descend, ascend [to, upwards]

22. Complete the sentences using the appropriate verb.

1. The heart... above the diaphragm.
2. The lungs ... on either side of the heart.
3. The trachea ... from the pharynx to the junction of the main bronchi.
4. The oesophagus ... downwards.
5. The oesophagus ... downwards to the stomach.
6. The oesophagus ... downwards from the pharynx to the stomach.
7. The trachea ... anterior to the oesophagus.
8. The liver... below the diaphragm.
9. The optic nerve ... from the retina into the cranial cavity.
10. The aorta ... through the diaphragm.
11. The Eustachian tube ... downwards from the middle ear and ... into the pharynx.