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Don't say: There is a strange-looking man standing before me.

Say: There is a strange-looking man standing **in front of** me.

The preposition **before** is most frequently used when referring to **time**. Whereas the preposition **in front of** refers to something or someone that is **in position facing** someone or something.

QUEUING



Queuing is one of the typical activities the Brits are **renowned** for. When you go to a bank, you'll find the queues nicely organized, with special **rails** and **tapes** to keep the line straight. **Queue-jumping** is a major **offence**. You will definitely be **frowned upon** if you do so. Nothing will get you to the front of the queue - only time and small **shuffling** steps. On the other hand, a queue in a shop can give the **hot-headed** customer some time to think twice about his purchase. After all, it's not

like you have any other option...

VOCABULARY BUILDING



queuing - čekání ve frontě
renowned - proslulý, věhlasný
rail - zábradlí, hrazení
tape - páska

queue-jumping - předbíhat ve frontě
offence - úražka, přestupek
frown upon - přijímat s nevolí, nelibě se dívat na
shuffling - šouravý
hot-headed - ukvapený, "horká hlava"

QUIZ: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Fill in before or in front of to complete these sentences:

1. He was standing _____ me in the line. I could see him well.
2. She became a lawyer as her father had _____ her.
3. Leave your key at the reception _____ your departure.
4. We met John at the conference the day _____ yesterday.
5. Please don't talk about it _____ the children!

KEY: 1. in front of, 2. before, 3. before, 4. before, 5. in front of

