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In the following example the <div> with the blue border is positioned in the center of the page and its contents are also centered.

This paragraph is positioned at the top of the <div> and its contents are left justified.

This paragraph is centered at the bottom of the <div> and its contents are left justified.

<div> with paragraph centered at bottom

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<a mode="pre" href="../../tags/style-tag/"><style type="text/css"></a>
p {
  margin-top: 8px;
  margin-bottom: 8px;
  padding: 0 0.3em;
}
.blue-border {
  border: 2px solid #0000cc;
}
.green-border {
  border: 2px solid #009900;
}
.relative {
  width: 70%;
  height: 250px;
  position: relative;
}
.bottom {
  position: absolute;
  bottom: 0;
  left: 20%;
  width: 60%;
}
.center {
  margin-left: auto;
  margin-right: auto;
}
.left-justified {
  text-align: left;
}
.centered {
  text-align: center;
}
</style>
<a mode="pre" href="../../tags/div-tag/">div</a> <a mode="pre" href="../../attributes/class-
  <a mode="pre" href="../../tags/p-tag/">p</a> <a mode="pre" href="../../attributes/class-
  the <div> and its contents are left justified.</p>
  <a mode="pre" href="../../tags/p-tag/">p</a> <a mode="pre" href="../../attributes/class-
  bottom of the <div> and its contents are left justified.</p>
</div>
```

The contents of the <div> are positioned relative to the <div> itself using `position: relative`. It is centered with `margin-left: auto` and `margin-right: auto` and its contents are centered with `text-align: center`.

To position the paragraph at the bottom of the div, the `bottom-60%` style includes `position: absolute` and `bottom: 0`. Since `margin: auto` does not work for centering a paragraph when using absolute positioning, `left: 20%` sets the absolute left position to half the space not used by the paragraph element (20% = one half of 100% minus 60%).

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