

# Prepositions of Time; at, in, on

| At  | In  | On   |
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| Indicating precise / specific periods of time   | Indicating long, indefinite periods of time   | Indicating days, dates or Part of a particular day   |
| The time: at 7 o'clock<br>Holidays: at Christmas<br>at Easter<br>at the weekend<br>In the Expressions:<br>at the moment - at present<br>at noon - at night - at midnight<br>at dawn - at sunset<br>at lunchtime | Months: in January<br>Seasons: in Spring - Autumn<br>Years: in 1996<br>Centuries: in the 21st century<br>In the Expressions:<br>in a minute - in an hour<br>in a day - a week - a year<br>in the morning / the evening<br>in the past - in the future | Days: on Monday<br>on New Year's Eve / Day<br>Dates: on May the 6th<br>on 21st of January<br>Part of a particular day<br>on Saturday evenings<br>on Monday mornings<br>on holidays - on a cold rainy day<br>on my birthday |

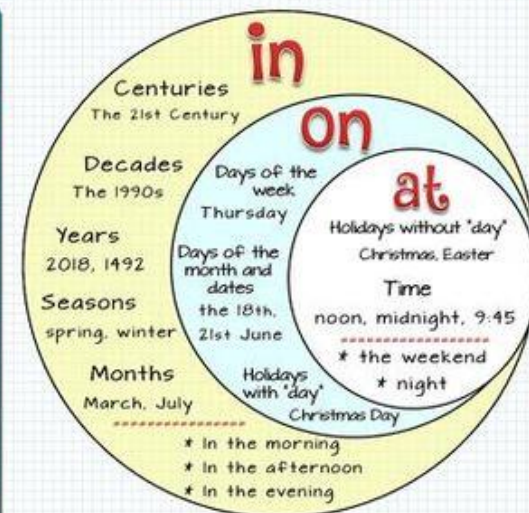
Exercises; use **in / on / at** to fill in the blank spaces.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shakespeare was born ..... 1564 ..... 26<sup>th</sup> of April and died ..... 1616.</li> <li>I have an important job interview ..... 9am ..... Monday morning.</li> <li>The stars shine brightly ..... night ..... Summer.</li> <li>Jack is not here ..... the moment. He said he would be back ..... an hour.</li> <li>The shops close ..... midnight and open ..... 10am ..... the morning.</li> <li>I don't usually work ..... weekends so I don't have to get up early as I do ..... weekdays.</li> <li>Many people visit their families ..... Christmas and have lunch together ..... Christmas day.</li> <li>Scientists think that Global warming will get worse ..... the next century.</li> <li>In England, people wish for snow ..... December, specially ..... Christmas.</li> <li>It is terrible to go to work early ..... the morning ..... a cold rainy day.</li> <li>The meeting is ..... Tuesday ..... nine o'clock ..... the morning.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I hope the doctors will find a cure for cancer ..... the near future.</li> <li>Many people used to die from contagious diseases like Tuberculosis ..... the past.</li> <li>Children be patient, supper will be ready ..... a few minutes.</li> <li>There are five candidates for the job ..... present.</li> <li>Jenny has gone to stay with her parents. She says, she will be back ..... a week or two.</li> <li>Jane usually has a sandwich an apple ..... lunchtime.</li> <li>Many people used to jump into the fountain ..... New Year's Eve ..... 12 o'clock ..... Trafalgar Square.</li> <li>My mother says that I was born ..... Istanbul ..... August the 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 6 o'clock ..... the morning.</li> <li>We took the test ..... the same time but he finished it ..... an hour.</li> <li>Schools start ..... September and ends ..... June in Turkey.</li> <li>Isn't the scenery beautiful here ..... sunset.</li> </ol> |
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# A Question of Time

1 Fill in the sentences with the prepositions: in, on, at.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1789.
- \_\_\_\_\_ autumn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ April.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
- \_\_\_\_\_ noon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ a quarter to five.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the 20s.
- \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monday morning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving Day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medieval Times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ midday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ten to ten.
- \_\_\_\_\_ December.



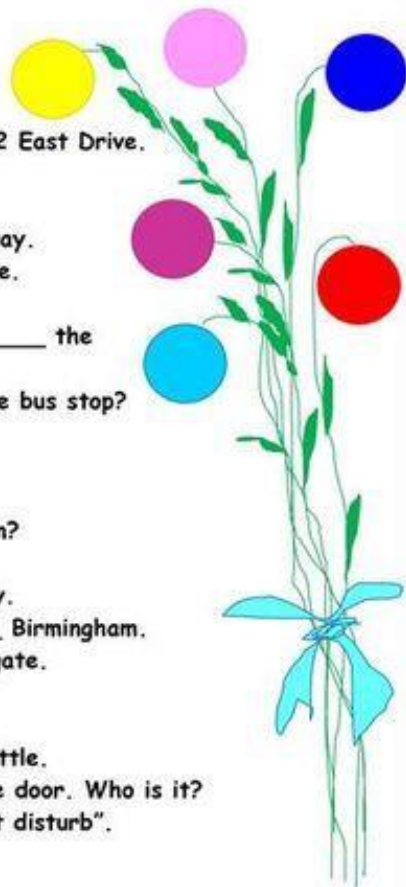
2 Complete the sentences with: in, on, at.

- The train leaves \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes, hurry up.
- Dad always cooks \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's day.
- She usually goes to bed \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
- The museum is closed \_\_\_\_\_ Mondays.
- Many people eat sweets \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween.
- He usually gets up late \_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays.
- He doesn't work \_\_\_\_\_ the evenings.
- Do the Olympic Games start \_\_\_\_\_ June?
- Here the shops shut \_\_\_\_\_ half past eight.
- We wear warm clothes \_\_\_\_\_ summer.
- We like riding our bikes \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.
- I never do homework \_\_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the winter mornings it is cold.

# In, On or At?

Fill in the correct preposition:

1. I live \_\_\_\_\_ 16 Spring Road.
2. I live \_\_\_\_\_ West Road.
3. I live \_\_\_\_\_ Long Street.
4. We've just moved from our flat \_\_\_\_\_ 42 East Drive.
5. Children mustn't play \_\_\_\_\_ the street.
6. Talks are to be held \_\_\_\_\_ Paris.
7. We broke down \_\_\_\_\_ the Queens Highway.
8. The office of the company is \_\_\_\_\_ Rome.
9. The train stopped \_\_\_\_\_ every station.
10. My friend lives \_\_\_\_\_ a small village \_\_\_\_\_ the mountains.
11. Do you know the boy standing \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop?
12. Does this train stop \_\_\_\_\_ Milan?
13. Tom is \_\_\_\_\_ Oxford studying politics.
14. Mona lives \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Street.
15. Shall we meet \_\_\_\_\_ the railway station?
16. We spent some days \_\_\_\_\_ Liverpool.
17. The town is \_\_\_\_\_ the Princess Highway.
18. Alec is doing his Master's degree \_\_\_\_\_ Birmingham.
19. Where's the man standing? \_\_\_\_\_ the gate.
20. Where's the bird? \_\_\_\_\_ the gate?
21. There is some water \_\_\_\_\_ the bottle.
22. There is a beautiful label \_\_\_\_\_ the bottle.
23. Look There is a man standing \_\_\_\_\_ the door. Who is it?
24. The notice \_\_\_\_\_ the door says "Do not disturb".
25. Where is your key? \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
26. There is thick ice \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
27. Turin is \_\_\_\_\_ the North of Italy \_\_\_\_\_ the river Po.
28. Look? Andrew is swimming \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
29. Helen is \_\_\_\_\_ the conference.
30. What is there \_\_\_\_\_ your hand?
31. Do you see a spider \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling?
32. What's that \_\_\_\_\_ the floor?
33. Who is standing \_\_\_\_\_ the window?
34. What is there \_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of the page?
35. I left my book \_\_\_\_\_ the table.



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## GRAMMAR QUIZ

### TIME WITH: AT, IN, ON

• Complete these sixteen sentences to score your knowledge of **TIME** with **at, in** and **on**.

1. I love to go swimming at the beach ... summer.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
2. What time do your children usually go to bed ... night?  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
3. Next year, we plan to travel to Taiwan ... September.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
4. My birthday is next week. I was born ... October 15<sup>th</sup>.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
5. My grandfather is very old. He was born ... 1939.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
6. I am going to meet my friends ... Friday evening.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
7. Most stores and businesses are closed ... New Year's Day.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
8. I always get up very early ... the morning.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
9. My father goes to work ... weekdays, from Monday to Friday.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
10. After I eat dinner, I like to watch TV ... the evening.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
11. My first class at college begins ... eight o'clock.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
12. He has an appointment to see a dentist ... Monday.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
13. Last night, I heard a very strange sound ... midnight.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
14. My summer holiday starts ... June. Hooray!  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
15. He changed his job three times ... the 1990s.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on
16. My friend wants to have a party ... his birthday.  
a) at  
b) in  
c) on

15 - 16 = Excellent

13 - 14 = Good

12 or Less = Study More!

