

# Prepositions of time: at, in, on



at	in	on
<b>PRECISE TIME</b>	<b>MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS</b>	<b>DAYS and DATES</b>
at 3 o'clock	in May	on Sunday
at 10.30am	in summer	on Tuesdays
at noon	in the summer	on 6 March
at dinnertime	in 1990	on 25 Dec. 2010
at bedtime	in the 1990s	on Christmas Day
at sunrise	in the next century	on Independence Day
at sunset	in the Ice Age	on my birthday
at the moment	in the past/future	on New Year's Eve

## Complete the sentences. Use **in**, **on** or **at**.

- My parents aren't here .....the moment.
- I'm meeting my friend ..... Tuesday.
- The train leaves ..... half past seven ..... the morning.
- She was born ..... 1995.
- I usually phone my friends ..... the weekend.
- We have a special meal ..... Christmas.
- I usually brush my teeth ..... the evening before I go to bed.
- Her birthday is ..... the fifth of June.
- My brother likes to get up ..... Sunrise.
- I started doing my homework ..... eight o'clock and finished only ..... midnight.
- In France it often snows ..... winter.
- Kate got married ..... the age of 19.
- Policemen usually work ..... night.
- Our parents will be back ..... an hour.
- I usually have a party ..... my birthday.
- See you ..... dinnertime.
- Mary's birthday is ..... May.
- We have lunch ..... noon.
- Sara goes to the gym .....Saturdays.
- My sister was in London .....December.
- She was in London ..... New Year's Eve.
- We sat and talked ..... lunchtime

## Write **at/on/in**.

- ..... 9 March.
- ..... the afternoon.
- ..... Friday.
- ..... 1999.
- ..... Christmas.
- ..... Christmas day.
- ..... Saturday night.
- ..... the past.
- ..... autumn.
- ..... Thursday.
- ..... the weekend.
- ..... dinnertime.
- ..... the ninth of April.
- ..... half past eight.
- ..... Monday evening.
- ..... the end of the year.
- ..... 28 October.
- ..... an hour
- ..... Easter.
- ..... New Year's Day.
- ..... 10.15.
- ..... five minutes.
- ..... bedtime.
- ..... a few days.

# PREPOSITIONS OF TIME : IN - ON - AT



## AT

We use "at" to express a precise time

- at 5 o'clock
- at 11:30 pm
- at lunchtime
- at the moment
- at midnight
- at sunrise
- at sunset

## ON

We use "on" before days and dates.

- on Friday
- on Mondays
- on 4 July
- on 17 March 1966
- on Children's Day
- on his birthday
- on Mother's Day

## IN

We use "in" before months, years, centuries and long period of time.

- in November
- in winter
- in 2001
- in the 20th century
- in Stone Age

### A) Circle the correct alternative

1. Farmers pick cherries \_\_\_\_\_ summer.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
2. Mollie's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday so we have only two days to prepare a surprise party.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Day I will give a nice present to my father.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
4. The football match is \_\_\_\_\_ 8 o'clock. Shall we watch it together?  
a) in            b) on            c) at
5. I get up early \_\_\_\_\_ the morning and have a big breakfast.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
6. The bell rings \_\_\_\_\_ noon and the students have their lunch.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
7. Sarah would like to get a nice pink dress \_\_\_\_\_ her birthday.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
8. My father sometimes comes home late \_\_\_\_\_ night.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
9. I will graduate from secondary school \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.  
a) in            b) on            c) at
10. Turkish people celebrate Children's Day \_\_\_\_\_ the April 23.  
a) in            b) on            c) at

### B) Fill in the blanks with the prepositions of time "in , on , at".

1. The meeting is going to start \_\_\_\_\_ ten o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
2. World Environment Day is \_\_\_\_\_ June 5.
3. Look! Phoebe is having toast and coke \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.
4. I want to see the lions \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime.
5. Benjamin feels very tired \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays. He has a French course after school.
6. Theo and Liam will be in Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ July. They will spend their holiday there.
7. What does Hannah like doing \_\_\_\_\_ her free time?
8. People play practical jokes on each other \_\_\_\_\_ April Fools' Day.
9. It is dangerous to go out here \_\_\_\_\_ night because there are wild animals.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ 20 August 2009 Ellie and Finley got married.
11. People in this village pick mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_ spring after a lot of rain.
12. I will finish university and get a good job \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.
13. Jayden and Lexi met \_\_\_\_\_ a cold and snowy day in Paris.
14. Some people wake up \_\_\_\_\_ sunrise and go jogging.
15. I think people will travel by flying cars \_\_\_\_\_ the 22nd century.