



# At, In, On: Prepositions of Time

# Introduction

- I play football at 5.
- I play football in July.
- I play football on Monday.
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**PREPOSITIONS OF TIME**  
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AT	IN	ON
<b>TIMES OF DAY</b> <u>at</u> 4 o'clock <u>at</u> 10:30 <u>at</u> noon <u>at</u> midnight	<b>MONTHS</b> <u>in</u> April	<b>DAYS</b> <u>on</u> Tuesday <u>on</u> Saturday <u>on</u> my birthday <u>on</u> Christmas day <u>on</u> Halloween
<b>MEALTIMES</b> <u>at</u> lunchtime <u>at</u> dinnertime	<b>SEASONS</b> <u>in</u> the summer <u>in</u> the spring	<b>DATES</b> <u>on</u> 15th June <u>on</u> 20th May <u>on</u> our anniversary
<b>HOLIDAYS</b> <u>at</u> Christmas <u>at</u> Easter <u>at</u> the weekend	<b>YEARS</b> <u>in</u> 1990	<b>PARTS OF SPECIFIC DAY</b> <u>on</u> Monday morning <u>on</u> Friday evening <u>on</u> Saturday night <u>on</u> Sunday afternoon
<b>EXPRESSIONS</b> <u>at</u> present <u>at</u> the moment <u>at</u> night	<b>DECADES</b> <u>in</u> the 80s	<b>LAST/NEXT</b> <u>at/in/on</u> ✗ Call me <u>at the next</u> weekend. ✓ Call me <u>next</u> weekend. ✗ I met her <u>on the last</u> Friday. ✓ I met her <u>last</u> Friday.
	<b>CENTURIES</b> <u>in</u> the 20th century	
	<b>LONG PERIODS</b> <u>in</u> the ice age <u>in</u> the present <u>in</u> the past	
	<b>PARTS OF THE DAY</b> <u>in</u> the morning <u>in</u> the afternoon <u>in</u> the evening ⚠ <u>at</u> night	

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# Using 'At'

- Use **at** with times of day, including mealtimes, bedtime, etc.
- Examples: \_at\_ 3 o'clock, **at** 10.30 am, **at** noon, **at** dinnertime, **at** bedtime, **at** sunrise, **at** sunset, **at** the moment
- Common expressions:
  - **at** the weekend: \_I don't usually work **at** the weekend.\_
  - **at** Christmas/Easter: \_I stay with my family **at** Christmas.\_
  - **at** the same time: \_We finished the test **at** the same time.\_
  - **at** present/**at** the moment: \_He's not home **at** present. Try later.\_

# Using 'In'

- Use **in** with months, seasons, years, decades, centuries and long periods of time in general.
- Examples: **\_in\_** May, **in** the summer, **in** 1990, **in** the 1990s, **in** the 20th century, **in** the Ice Age, **in** the past/future

# Using 'On'

- Use **on** followed by days and dates.
- Examples: **\_on\_** Sunday, **on** Tuesday mornings, **on** 6 March, **on** 25 December 2010, **on** Christmas Day, **on** Independence Day, **on** my birthday, **on** New Year's Eve

# Parts of the Day

- **in** the morning
- **in** the afternoon
- **in** the evening
- **at** night

# Using Last, Next, Every, and This

- When we say **last, next, every, this**, we do not use **at, in, on**.
- Correct Examples:
  - \_I went to London **last** June.\_
  - \_He's coming back **next** Tuesday.\_
  - \_I go home **every** Easter.\_
  - \_We'll call you **this** evening.\_