

## Reading activity: School in the USA

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### Read the letter

Dear Alicia,

Hi there! I am 12 years old and I'm from Washington DC, the capital of the USA. I am in the 6TH grade at Jefferson Junior High School.

In the USA the school year begins in September and finishes in June. Children go to school from Monday to Friday. In the morning school starts at 8 am and each lesson lasts 50 minutes. We start our school day by saluting the American flag, the beautiful stars and stripes. Lunch is at midday. I have lunch in the school cafeteria because I usually take my own packed lunch. I love hot-dogs and popcorn and I don't like the food in the school canteen. After lunch we have more classes. School finishes at 2.30 pm and then it's time to go home on the school bus. My favourite subject is Maths, but I also love sports, especially basketball. I am in the school basketball team and also in the Maths Club. We meet on Mondays and we like solving math quizzes very much! Jefferson Junior High School is a state school, so I don't wear a uniform. It's great because I love my jeans and trainers. My sister Minnie goes to a private school and she wears a uniform. Poor kid, she hates it!



In the evening, when my mum comes back from work- she is a doctor- we have dinner together in the kitchen. After dinner we sometimes play cards or Monopoly- she loves it! And at 9.30 pm it's time to go to bed. I never go to bed late on school days. At the weekend I go to bed later, at around 11 pm. In summer we have holidays and I usually go to the lake for two or three weeks.

Oh I almost forgot, my name's Matt Williams, but my schoolmates call me Mad Math. Guess why... 😊

Write soon!

Matt

## ACTIVITIES

1- Find in the text all the time expressions. Then put them in the right box:

| IN        | ON     | AT   |
|-----------|--------|------|
| September | Monday | 8 am |

2. Complete using the following words:

*Special days, months, seasons, time, part of the day, night, days of the week, years, some festivities, meal time.*

- We use “in” for

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- We use “on” for

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- We use **"at"** for

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3. Complete the following sentences using the prepositions "on", "in" or "at"

- I have dinner with my family \_\_\_\_ Christmas.
- My parents give me lots of presents \_\_\_\_ my birthday.
- I get up \_\_\_\_\_ 6.30 am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the morning I go to school.
- I sleep very well \_\_\_\_ night.
- \_\_\_\_\_ summer we have holidays!

g. School begins \_\_\_\_\_ September and finishes \_\_\_\_\_ June.

h. \_\_\_\_\_ Friday I have dance classes.

i. I never eat pasta \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.

j. We go skiing \_\_\_\_\_ Winter.

