

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME



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

- Farmers pick cherries _____ summer.
a) in b) on c) at
- Mollie's birthday is _____ Tuesday so we have only two days to prepare a surprise party.
a) in b) on c) at
- _____ Father's Day I will give a nice present to my father.
a) in b) on c) at
- The football match is _____ 8 o'clock. Shall we watch it together?
a) in b) on c) at
- I get up early _____ the morning and have a big breakfast.
a) in b) on c) at
- The bell rings _____ noon and the students have their lunch.
a) in b) on c) at
- Sarah would like to get a nice pink dress _____ her birthday.
a) in b) on c) at
- My father sometimes comes home late _____ night.
a) in b) on c) at
- I will graduate from secondary school _____ 2015.
a) in b) on c) at
- 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".

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

C. Write the preposition of time for the following. If a preposition isn't used, put X.

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| 1. _____ Monday | 11. _____ noon | 21. _____ the evening |
| 2. _____ yesterday | 12. _____ Christmas | 22. _____ every day |
| 3. _____ the morning | 13. _____ the 12 th century | 23. _____ New Year's eve |
| 4. _____ three o'clock | 14. _____ the 12 th of April | 24. _____ September |
| 5. _____ next year | 15. _____ tomorrow | 25. _____ next year |
| 6. _____ midnight | 16. _____ 11 AM | 26. _____ Tuesday night |
| 7. _____ our anniversary | 17. _____ night | 27. _____ last month |
| 8. _____ last summer | 18. _____ the moment | 28. _____ dawn |
| 9. _____ summer | 19. _____ 1994 | 29. _____ autumn |
| 10. _____ March | 20. _____ the weekend | 30. _____ October 26 |

D. Complete the sentence with a suitable preposition

1. My brother has a new job. He works in the evening.
2. We're going to have a picnic _____ Saturday afternoon. Would you like to come?
3. I'll be finished my work _____ an hour. Then, I can go home.
4. When is the meeting? Is it _____ 2:00?
5. I like to get up really early, _____ sunrise, when the birds start to sing.
6. Tom's birthday is next week, _____ January 14.
7. My grandfather was born _____ the 1950s.
8. Will we be _____ time, or will we miss our flight?
9. My family and I like to ski _____ winter.
10. Are there any holidays _____ October?
11. Our school cafeteria opens for lunch _____ noon.
12. What time does your son go to bed _____ night?
13. We moved to this city _____ 2012.
14. Are you going to do anything special _____ your birthday?
15. I'm not going to watch that TV show. It starts _____ midnight!