

ON TIME IN TIME JUST IN TIME

ON TIME vs. IN TIME

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9 a.m. 10 a.m.

JUST IN TIME

Just in time refers to something happening at the last moment, just before the deadline or just before something was supposed to happen.
= It was almost too late.

✓ We finished the project **just in time**.

✓ I arrived home **just in time** to avoid the heavy rain.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR ON TIME vs. IN TIME

The meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m.

9 a.m. 10 a.m.

IN TIME **ON TIME**

I arrived **in time** to have some coffee before the meeting started.

The meeting started **on time**.

IN TIME **ON TIME**

When you are **in time**, you are early enough to have spare time, usually to be able to do something else.
= before something happens
= before the scheduled time
= with time to spare

When something happens **on time**, it happens at the planned time.
= punctual = on schedule
= at the arranged time
= at the correct time
= neither late nor early

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CHOOSE "IN TIME" OR "ON TIME" FOR THE SENTENCES BELOW:

- The bus was late this morning, which is unusual. It's usually _____.
- George is usually late for work but this morning he arrived _____.
- We had to get in the train without tickets because we didn't get to the station _____ to buy them.
- It's a very good taxi company. The cars always arrive _____.
- Please don't be late for the meeting. We want to begin _____.
- The film was supposed to start at 8.30 but it didn't begin _____.
- We want to start the meeting _____, so please come 20 minutes earlier.
- I've just washed this shirt. I want to wear it this evening, so I hope it will be dry _____.
- The train service is not very good. The trains are rarely _____.
- I nearly missed my flight this morning. I got to the airport just _____.
- I nearly forgot that it was Joe's birthday. Fortunately, I remembered _____.
- Why are you never _____? You always keep everybody waiting.
- I got home _____ to see the football match.