18 Prepositions: time

at	**a time** **at** six o'clock **at** midday/midnight	**a mealtime** **at** breakfast **at** lunch / lunchtime **at** dinner / dinner time
on	**a day** **on** Tuesday **on** Friday evening **on** Tuesdays = every Tuesday **on** my birthday **on** Christmas Day	**a date** **on** September 10 **on** 6th May

in	**a part of a day** **in** the morning **in** the afternoon **in** the evening	**a season** **in** (the) spring/summer/ autumn/winter	**a month, year or century** **in** July/December **in** 1990/2050 **in** the 21st **century** (= 2000–2099)

SPOTLIGHT *at*

We also use **at** in these time phrases:

- *I relax **at the weekend**.*
- *What are you doing **at Christmas** / **at New Year**?*
- *Some doctors work **at night**.* (NOT ~~*in the night*~~)
- *He's not here **at the moment*** (= now).

1 **Cross out the word or phrase which is not correct.**

▶ **in** the spring / ~~February 15th~~ / the evening

1 **at** lunchtime / 2020 / the weekend
2 **in** August / summer / Friday
3 **on** April / your birthday / Saturdays
4 **at** night / the morning / half past seven
5 **in** autumn / the 20th century / 4.00
6 **on** midnight / June 2nd / Sunday afternoon
7 **at** breakfast / midday / the autumn
8 **on** winter / Christmas Day / 5th May
9 **in** the afternoon / lunchtime / 2018
10 **at** New Year / the evening / six o'clock

2 **Write the correct preposition.**

We went to Brighton for a few days last week. We left ▶ on Thursday morning **(1)** ..... about nine o'clock and got there **(2)** ..... lunchtime. We found a nice hotel, and then **(3)** ..... the afternoon we went to the beach. The weather can be quite cold **(4)** ..... spring, but it was great – really sunny. **(5)** ..... Friday, we had lunch with an old friend. I first met her at university **(6)** ..... 2007. Then **(7)** ..... the evening, we went to a restaurant and got home **(8)** ..... midnight. **(9)** ..... the weekend, we went shopping and then went back to the beach. We'd like to go back for the Brighton Festival, which starts **(10)** ..... May 6th.

3 ABOUT YOU **Write answers using a preposition and a time phrase from the table, or ask another student.**

When do you …

get up? .....
study English? .....
go swimming? .....
usually go out with friends? .....
watch TV? .....
go to bed? .....

When …

is your birthday? .....
were you born? .....
are there public holidays in your country? .....
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