

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 6 th 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 21 st century (= 2000–2099)

SPOTLIGHT *at*

We also use *at* in these time phrases:

- *I relax **at the weekend**.*
- *Some doctors work **at night**. (NOT **in the night**)*
- *What are you doing **at Christmas / at New Year**? ▪ *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?

