

You can also say 'in six months' time', 'in a week's time' etc. :

□ They're getting married **in six months' time**. or ... **in six months**.

We also use **in ...** to say how long it takes to do something:

□ I learnt to drive **in four weeks**. (= it took me four weeks to learn)

On/in time, at/in the end → Unit 122 **In/at/on (position)** → Units 123–125

In/at/on (other uses) → Unit 127 **American English** → Appendix 7

Exercises

Unit 1

1. Complete the sentences. Use **at, on or in** + the following:

the evening	about 20 minutes	1492	the same time
the moment	21 July 1969	the 1920s	night
Saturdays	the Middle Ages	11 seconds	

- Columbus made his first voyage from Europe to America in 1492.
- If the sky is clear, you can see the stars _____.
- After working hard during the day, I like to relax _____.
- Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon _____.
- It's difficult to listen if everyone is speaking _____.
- Jazz became popular in the United States _____.
- I'm just going out to the shop. I'll be back _____.
- (on the phone) 'Can I speak to Dan?' 'I'm afraid he's not here _____.
- Many of Europe's great cathedrals were built _____.
- Ben is a very fast runner. He can run 100 metres _____.
- Liz works from Monday to Friday. Sometimes she also works _____.

2. Put **in, at, on or in**.

- Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756.
- I haven't seen Kate for a few days. I last saw her _____ Tuesday.
- The price of electricity is going up _____ October.
- _____ weekends, we often go for long walks in the country.
- I've been invited to a wedding _____ 14 February.
- Jonathan is 63. He'll be retiring from his job _____ two years' time.
- I'm busy just now, but I'll be with you _____ a moment.
- Jenny's brother is an engineer, but he doesn't have a job _____ the moment.
- There are usually a lot of parties _____ New Year's Eve.
- I don't like driving _____ night.
- My car is being repaired at the garage. It will be ready _____ two hours.
- The telephone and the doorbell rang _____ the same time.
- Mary and David always go out for dinner _____ their wedding anniversary.
- It was a short book and easy to read. I read it _____ a day.
- _____ Saturday night I went to bed _____ midnight.
- We travelled overnight to Paris and arrived _____ 5 o'clock _____ the morning.
- The course begins _____ 7 January and ends sometime _____ April.
- I might not be at home _____ Tuesday morning, but I'll be there _____ the afternoon.

3. Which is correct: a, b, or both of them?

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| 1 a I'll see you on Friday. | b I'll see you Friday. | _____ |
| 2 a I'll see you on next Friday. | b I'll see you next Friday. | _____ |
| 3 a Paul got married in April. | b Paul got married April. | _____ |
| 4 a They never go out on Sunday evenings. | b They never go out Sunday evenings. | _____ |
| 5 a We often have a short holiday on Christmas. | b We often have a short holiday at Christmas. | _____ |
| 6 a What are you doing the weekend? | b What are you doing at the weekend? | _____ |
| 7 a Will you be here on Tuesday? | b Will you be here Tuesday? | _____ |
| 8 a We were ill at the same time. | b We were ill in the same time. | _____ |
| 9 a Sue got married at 18 May 1996. | b Sue got married on 18 May 1996. | _____ |
| 10 a He left school last June. | b He left school in last June. | _____ |