

Prepositions of time

We use:

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- **in** MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS
- **on** DAYS and DATES

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at 3 o'clock	in May	on 25 Dec. 2010
at 10.30am	in summer	on 6 March
at noon	in the summer	on Christmas Day
at dinnertime	in 1990	on Independence Day
at bedtime	in the 1990s	on my birthday
at sunrise	in the next century	on New Year's Eve
at sunset	in the Ice Age	on Sunday
at the moment	in the past/future	on Tuesdays

Prepositions of place

In general, we say:

- **at** a POINT
- **in** an ENCLOSED SPACE
- **on** a SURFACE

at POINT	in ENCLOSED SPACE	on SURFACE
at the bottom of the page	in a box	on the page
at the bus stop	in a building	on the carpet
at the corner	in a car	on the ceiling
at the crossroads	in France	on the cover
at the door	in my pocket	on the door
at the end of the path	in my wallet	on the floor
at the entrance	in Paris	on the menu
at the front desk	in the garden	on the wall

Preposition of place and time.

at	in	on
at home	in a car	on a bus
at work	in a taxi	on a train
at school	in a helicopter	on a plane
at university	in a boat	on a ship
at college	in a lift in an elevator	on a bicycle, on a motorbike
at the top	in the newspaper	on a horse, on a camel
at the bottom	in the sky	on the radio, on television
at the side	in a row	on the left, on the right
at reception	in Oxford Street	on the way

Prepositions of place and time (at, in, on). Fill in the blanks.

1. There was a long queue of people _____ the bus stop.
2. The ducklings were walking _____ a line behind their mother.
3. Most countries drive _____ the right, but there are some exceptions.
4. Is there anything interesting _____ the newspaper today?
5. Is there anything interesting _____ the television today?
6. When I'm a passenger in a car, I prefer to travel _____ the front.
7. Paris is _____ the river Seine.
8. I live in a very small village, you probably won't find it _____ your map.
9. I don't like towns, I much prefer to live _____ the country.
10. My office is _____ the tenth floor, it's _____ the left as you come out of the lift.

11. I'm going to be late tonight, I'll meet you _____ the cinema just before the film starts.
12. Write your name _____ the top of the first page.
13. There was a list of names, but my name wasn't _____ the list.