

27 *at, on, in* as prepositions of time

They finish school **at** 4 o'clock.
The children usually have a story **at** bedtime.

- **at** a point in time:
at one o'clock, half-past five, midnight;
at lunchtime, dinner-time;
at the end of the lesson.

I saw her **on** Monday.
My birthday's **on** 4th September.

- **on** a day or date:
on Tuesday, Thursday;
on 1st April, 4th June;
on the first day of spring.

I usually work **in** the mornings.
The weather's very nice here **in** the summer.

- **in** a period of time:
in the morning, afternoon, evening;
in April, May, June;
in the summer, winter;
in 1992.

Notes

- **on** Wednesday, **in** the afternoon, **on** Wednesday afternoon.
- **in** the morning, afternoon, evening, but **at** night.
- **on** Christmas Eve, Independence Day, Easter Sunday, but **at** Christmas, **at** New Year.

Practice

27 Complete the sentences with **at**, **on** or **in**.

- 1 College starts **at** 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 2 I usually go swimming **on** Tuesdays.
- 3 I got up 7 o'clock this morning.
- 4 Jim came round Saturday afternoon.
- 5 The children get too many presents Christmas.
- 6 We usually take our holiday September.
- 7 They don't go out very often the evenings.
- 8 She was born **in** Australia 1952.
- 9 I always go **and** see her her birthday.
- 10 She phoned up the beginning of the match on TV.
- 11 They usually come and stay with us the summer holidays.
- 12 We moved here 20th October.

17 **was, were: Past Simple tense of verb to be**

FORM

| Negative | | | |
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| Positive | Long | Short | Question |
| I was | I was not | I wasn't | Was I ... ? |
| You were | You were not | You weren't | Were you ... ? |
| She was | She was not | She wasn't | Was she ... ? |
| He was | He was not | He wasn't | Was he ... ? |
| It was | It was not | It wasn't | Was it ... ? |
| We were | We were not | We weren't | Were we ... ? |
| They were | They were not | They weren't | Were they ... ? |

Practice

17a Complete the sentences using **was** or **were**.

- 1 He ... *was*... very tired yesterday.
- 2 They ... *were*... not very happy together.
- 3 You very angry with me last night.
- 4 Her doctor not very helpful.
- 5 They in France last summer.
- 6 Mr Jones not in the office yesterday.
- 7 I in bed all morning.
- 8 It not very warm in the swimming pool.
- 9 You not very friendly to my sister.
- 10 She a beautiful baby.
- 11 The children awake early this morning.
- 12 I not with them in the restaurant.
- 13 Ruth on holiday last week.
- 14 It a very nice letter.
- 15 We very pleased to see you.
- 16 Callum and his brother Josh here last night.