

4A Prepositions of time

We use different prepositions to make common time expressions.

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Preposition	We use this with ...	Example
in	the + parts of the day	in the morning(s) in the afternoon(s) in the evening(s)
	the + seasons	in the winter in the spring in the summer in the fall
	months of the year	in January in September
on	days of the week	on Monday(s) on Tuesday(s)
	days and parts of the day	on Thursday morning(s) on Saturday night(s) on Friday evening(s) on New Year's Day
	the weekend	on the weekend / on weekends
at	times	at 6 o'clock at 11:30
	midnight/noon/night	at midnight at noon / noon at night
	festivals	at Thanksgiving at New Year's
from ... to	days	from Wednesday to Sunday
	months	from January to June
	times	from 6:30 to 9:00
	years	from 2000 to 2006

Look! at night NOT ~~in night~~ BUT on Friday night

We use these time expressions at the start or at the end of a sentence. We use a comma after them if they are at the start.

I usually get up at 7:30.

At 7:30, I usually get up.

I have an Italian class on Wednesday evening.

On Wednesday evening, I have an Italian class.

We can use plurals for days, parts of the day, and *weekend* if we talk about things that we do regularly.

I don't work on the weekend / on weekends.

In the morning / In the mornings, I often go running before work.

1 Complete the sentences with *in*, *on*, *at*, or *from ... to*.

- I usually take a shower _____ the evening.
- Charles does his homework _____ night.
- I'm at work _____ 8:30 _____ 6:30 every day.
- They visit their cousins _____ New Year's Day.
- We always go out _____ Friday nights.
- Is it hot here _____ August?
- The days are short _____ the winter.
- What do you like doing _____ the weekend?

2 Read the text and underline eight mistakes. Write the correct prepositions below the text.



Every day, from Monday in Friday, I get up at 6:30. I leave the house at 7:30, and I start work on 8:15. I don't work on Friday afternoons. I finish work in noon.

On July and August, it's very hot. I usually go to the swimming pool with my children in the afternoons, and in night, we go for a walk.

In the weekend, I don't get up early. At Saturday mornings, I go running on 11, and then my wife and I make lunch. On Sundays, we usually take the children to visit my parents or my wife's parents.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ | 8 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ | |

3 Write sentences. Add prepositions.

1 I visit my grandparents / the weekend

2 February / we usually go skiing

3 I usually stop for a cup of coffee / noon

4 Wednesday evenings / my sister does yoga

5 Carlos works / Monday / Saturday

6 My daughter's birthday is / the spring