

21 Prepositions of time (1)

THEATRE! DANCE! MUSIC! COMEDY!

England's biggest, busiest festival is back – it starts **on** 5 May and continues **until** 27 May.

Events **at** lunchtime **on** most days and **in** the evening every day.

The ticket office is open **from** 10.00 a.m. **to** 6.00 p.m. every day.

Brighton
festival

1 *at, in, on*

	an exact time	<i>The train arrives at 6.00. The film starts at 9.00.</i>
at +	special days or occasions	<i>Lucy met an old friend at her sister's wedding.</i>
	times of meals and the weekend	<i>The concert is at lunchtime. What are you doing at the weekend?</i>
	parts of the day	<i>There are events in the evening every day. It gets cooler in the afternoon.</i>
in +		<i>The festival is in May. He was born in 1994 They built the castle in the eleventh century.</i>
on +	dates and days	<i>The festival starts on 5 May. My interview is on Thursday afternoon.</i>



We say *at night*, NOT *in the night*:

~~*x The supermarket is open in the night*~~ ✓ *The supermarket is open at night.*

2 No preposition

We don't use a preposition with

- *this* (morning, week, etc.):
*What time did you have breakfast **this morning**?*
- *last* (month, year, etc.):
*The new theatre opened **last month**.*
- *next* (week, year, etc.):
*My English course starts **next week**.*
- *every* (day, weekend, etc.):
*There are special events **every day**.*



~~*x Kevin's exam was **on** last Tuesday.*~~ ✓ *Kevin's exam was **last** Tuesday.*

~~*x There's a festival here **in** every February.*~~ ✓ *There's a festival here **every** February.*

3 *in, until, from ... to/until*

*My birthday is **in** five days. (five days from now)*

*The festival continues **until** 12 May. (it ends on this date)*

*The festival lasts **from** 9 May **to/until** 12 May.
(from the beginning to the end of this time)*

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Practice

1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 0 The first men walked on the moon in
- 1 Americans usually have family parties in
- 2 World War Two lasted from
- 3 People usually do their best work in
- 4 Johnny Depp was born on
- 5 Children don't usually go to school on

- A 9 June, 1963.
- B Saturdays.
- C the morning.
- D 1969.
- E November.
- F 1939 until 1945.

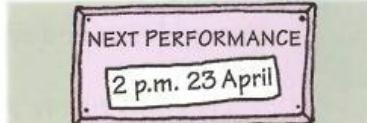
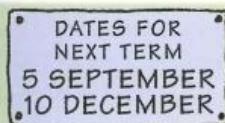
2 Look at the notices. Complete the sentences below them. Use the correct prepositions.



0 Knightley Manor is only open to the public at the weekend.

1 The train to Winchester arrives and leaves

2 The shop is closed



3 The next term starts

4 The cinema tickets are half price

5 The next performance of the play will be

3 Complete/write the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Use the words in brackets () .

- 0 I usually go to the gym at 10.00. (in) I usually go to the gym in the morning.
- 1 I went to the gym at 10.30 today. (this) I went
- 2 It's Monday 15 June now. I have a doctor's appointment for Monday 22 June. (next) I'm going
- 3 At the moment I'm working from Monday to Sunday. (every)
- 4 It's Monday. The report will be ready on Thursday. (in)
- 5 The builders are starting on Wednesday and working until Saturday. (from ... to)

4 Complete the sentences about you. Use the information in brackets () .

- 0 (year) I was born in 1986.
- 1 (year) I was born
- 2 (day, month) My birthday is
- 3 (time) I usually get up and go to bed
- 4 (period) I usually work / study from
- 5 (day) I often take exercise / play a sport