Unit 127

In/on/at (other uses)

A In

in the rain / in the sun / in the shade / in the dark / in bad weather etc.

- We sat **in the shade**. It was too hot to sit **in the sun**.
- Don't go out **in the rain**. Wait until it stops.

(write) **in ink / in pen / in pencil**

- When you do the exam, you're not allowed to write **in pencil**.

Also (write) **in words / in figures / in capital letters** etc.

- Please write your name **in capital letters**.
- Write the story **in your own words**. (= don't copy somebody else)



the shade

(be/fall) **in love** (**with** somebody)

- They're very happy together. They're **in love**.

in (my) **opinion**

- **In my opinion**, the movie wasn't very good.

B On

on TV / on television / on the radio

- I didn't watch the news **on television**, but I heard it **on the radio**.

on the phone

- I've never met her, but I've spoken to her **on the phone** a few times.

(be/go) **on strike**

- There are no trains today. The drivers are **on strike**.

(be/go) **on a diet**

- I've put on a lot of weight. I'll have to go **on a diet**.

(be) **on fire**

- Look! That car is **on fire**.

on the whole (= in general)

- Sometimes I have problems at work, but **on the whole** I enjoy my job.

on purpose (= intentionally)

- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to annoy you. I didn't do it **on purpose**.

C On holiday / on a trip etc.

We say: (be/go) **on holiday / on business / on a trip / on a tour / on a cruise** etc.

- I'm going **on holiday** next week.
- Emma's away **on business** at the moment.
- One day I'd like to go **on a world tour**.

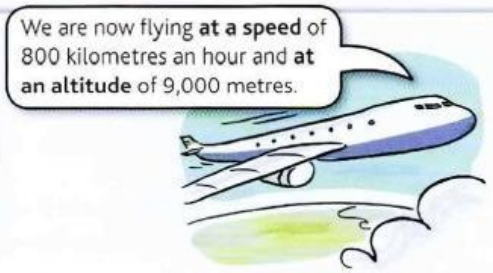
You can also say 'go to a place **for a** holiday / **for my** holiday(s)':

- Steve has gone to France **for a holiday**.

D At the age of ... etc.

We say **at the age of 16 / at 120 miles an hour / at 100 degrees** etc. :

- Tracy left school **at 16**. *or* ... **at the age** of 16.
- The train was travelling **at 120 miles an hour**.
- Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.



In/at/on (time) → Unit 121 In/at/on (position) → Units 123–125

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Exercises

127.1 Complete the sentences using **in** + the following:

capital letters	**cold weather**	**love**	**my opinion**
pencil	~~**the rain**~~	**the shade**	

1 Don't go out *in the rain* . Wait until it stops.
2 Matt likes to keep warm, so he doesn't go out much ..... .
3 If you write ..... and make a mistake, you can rub it out and correct it.
4 They fell ..... almost immediately and were married in a few weeks.
5 Please write your address clearly, preferably ..... .
6 It's too hot in the sun. I'm going to sit ..... .
7 Amanda thought the restaurant was OK, but ..... it wasn't very good.

127.2 Complete the sentences using **on** + the following:

business	**a diet**	~~**fire**~~	**holiday**	**the phone**
purpose	**strike**	**TV**	**a tour**	**the whole**

1 Look! That car is *on fire* ! Somebody call the fire brigade.
2 Workers at the factory have gone ..... for better pay and conditions.
3 Soon after we arrived, we were taken ..... of the city.
4 I feel lazy this evening. Is there anything worth watching ..... ?
5 I'm sorry. It was an accident. I didn't do it ..... .
6 Richard has put on a lot of weight recently. I think he should go ..... .
7 Jane's job involves a lot of travelling. She often has to go away ..... .
8 A: I'm going ..... next week.
B: Where are you going? Somewhere nice?
9 A: Is Sarah here?
B: Yes, but she's ..... at the moment. She won't be long.
10 A: How was your exam?
B: Well, there were some difficult questions, but ..... it was OK.

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

1 Water boils *at* 100 degrees Celsius.
2 When I was 14, I went ..... a trip to France organised by my school.
3 There was panic when people realised that the building was ..... fire.
4 Julia's grandmother died recently ..... the age of 79.
5 Can you turn the light on, please? I don't want to sit ..... the dark.
6 We didn't go ..... holiday last year. We stayed at home.
7 I hate driving ..... fog. You can't see anything.
8 I won't be here next week. I'll be ..... holiday.
9 Technology has developed ..... great speed.
10 Alan got married ..... 17, which is rather young to get married.
11 I heard an interesting programme ..... the radio this morning.
12 ..... my opinion, violent films should not be shown ..... television.
13 I wouldn't like to go ..... a cruise. I think I'd get bored.
14 I shouldn't eat too much. I'm supposed to be ..... a diet.
15 I wouldn't like his job. He spends most of his time talking ..... the phone.
16 The earth travels round the sun ..... 107,000 kilometres an hour.
17 'Did you enjoy your holiday?' 'Not every minute, but ..... the whole, yes.'
18 A lot of houses were damaged ..... the storm last week.

→ Additional exercise 34 (page 322)

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