

## Prepositions of time

We use:

- **at** a PRECISE TIME
- **in** MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS
- **on** DAYS and DATES

| at PRECISE TIME | in MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS | on DAYS and DATES   |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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<br>in an elevator | on a bicycle,<br>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.