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## PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

### 1) AT

- We use at with **times**: at 5 o'clock - at 11.45 - at midnight - at lunchtime  
Example: Tom usually gets up at 7 o'clock.
- We use at with these **expressions**: at night - at Christmas - at the moment / at present - at the same time - at weekends - at the age of...

### 2) ON

- We use on with **days and dates**: on March 12<sup>th</sup> - on Friday(s) - on Friday morning(s) on Sunday afternoon(s) - on Saturday night(s) on Christmas Day (but at Christmas)  
Example: Her birthday is on a Tuesday this year. It's on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 3) IN

- We use in for **longer periods of time**: in April - in 1986 - in winter - in the 19<sup>th</sup> century - in the 1970s - in the morning(s) / in the afternoon(s) / in the evening(s)  
Example: We usually go on holidays in August.
- In + **a period of time** = a time in the future.  
Examples: Jack will be back in a week. The train will leave in a few minutes.
- In + **how long it takes to do something**:  
Example: I learned to drive in four weeks.

### 4) DURING

- We use during + **noun to say when something happens**: during the film - during our holiday - during the night  
Examples: I fell asleep during the film. We met a lot of interesting people during our holiday.

### 5) UNTIL

- We use until/till to say **how long a situation continues**: during the film - during our holiday - during the night  
Examples: Let's wait until it stops raining. I stayed in bed until half past nine.

## 6) FROM - TO

- We use from - to + **beginning and end of a period**:  
Example: Last evening we watched TV from 5 to 8 o' clock.

## 7) FOR

- We use for + **a period of time**: for six years - for two hours - for a week  
Examples: I've lived in this house for six years. They have been watching TV for two hours.

## 8) SINCE

- We use since + **a point in time**: since April - since 1992 - since 8 o' clock  
Examples: It has been raining since one o' clock. They've known each other since they were at school.

# PREPOSITIONS OF TIME 1

Fill in **at, on, for, during** or **in**.

1. The course begins \_\_\_\_\_ 7 January and ends \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March.
2. I went to bed \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
3. We arrived \_\_\_\_\_ 5 o' clock \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
4. Mozart was born in Salzburg \_\_\_\_\_ 1756.
5. Are you doing anything special \_\_\_\_\_ weekends?
6. Hurry up! We've to go \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes.
7. I met him \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.
8. He has lived in India \_\_\_\_\_ two years.
9. I'll phone you \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday morning \_\_\_\_\_ about 10.
10. Tom's grandmother died \_\_\_\_\_ 1987 \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 81.
11. Jack's brother is out of work \_\_\_\_\_ the moment.
12. The price of electricity is going up \_\_\_\_\_ October.
13. I haven't seen him \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday afternoons I always get up late.
15. There are usually a lot of parties \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve.
16. I like walking around the town \_\_\_\_\_ night.
17. Are you going to the cinema \_\_\_\_\_ Friday night?
18. I've been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.
19. Ann works hard \_\_\_\_\_ the week, so she likes to relax \_\_\_\_\_ weekends.
20. I've been invited to a wedding \_\_\_\_\_ 14 February.