

21 Prepositions of time (1)

THEATRE! DANCE! MUSIC! COMEDY!

Brighton
festival

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.

1 at, in, on

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



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.

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| 0 The first men walked on the moon in | A 9 June, 1963. |
| 1 Americans usually have family parties in | B Saturdays. |
| 2 World War Two lasted from | C the morning. |
| 3 People usually do their best work in | D 1969. |
| 4 Johnny Depp was born on | E November. |
| 5 Children don't usually go to school on | F 1939 until 1945. |

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

Knightley Manor
~ OPEN TO PUBLIC ~
SATURDAY & SUNDAY ONLY

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

NEXT TRAIN TO WINCHESTER
ARRIVES - 10.25
DEPARTS - 10.28

- 1 The train to Winchester arrives and leaves

HOLIDAY
SORRY - WE'RE CLOSED
FOR ALL OF JULY

- 2 The shop is closed

DATES FOR NEXT TERM
5 SEPTEMBER
10 DECEMBER

- 3 The next term starts

MONDAYS
ALL TICKETS
HALF PRICE

- 4 The cinema tickets are half price

NEXT PERFORMANCE
2 p.m. 23 April

- 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