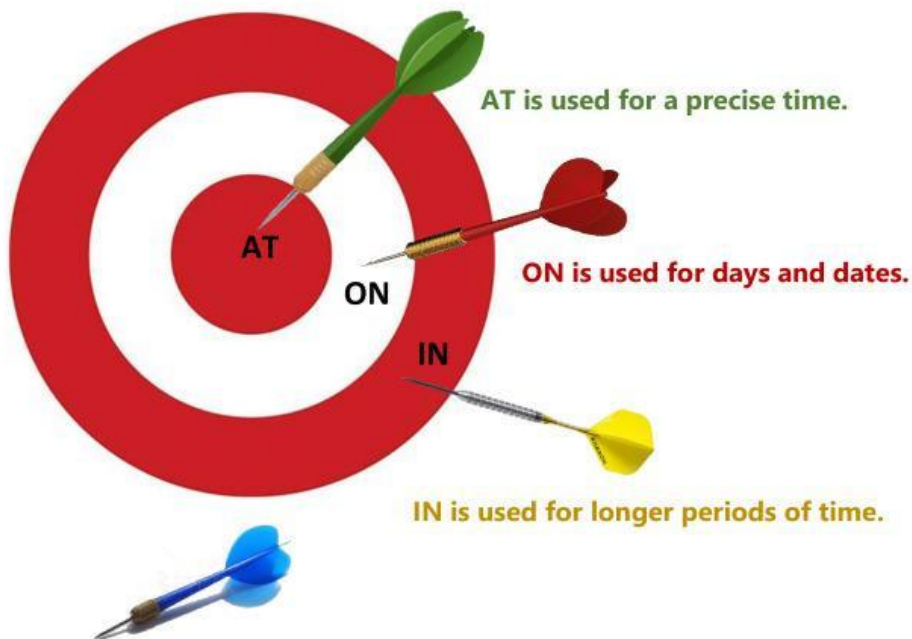


Don't laugh at my little drawing.
Sometimes a visual helps things
stick in the memory.

I want you to note well the
difference between AT and IN:
AT is used for exact times, but
IN is used for longer periods.
That is why we use IN with "in
the morning" or "in a half hour":
because these are extended
(although short) periods of time.

And, of course, this is English, so
there must be exceptions to the
rule, for example: *AT night*.



No preposition is used with *today, tomorrow, or before next, last, every*.

Here is some practice. Choose among **at, on, in** or **X** (if no preposition is needed).

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| ___ 7:30 | ___ spring | ___ this Friday |
| ___ the 31 of May | ___ last month | ___ Halloween |
| ___ the 1800s | ___ dinnertime | ___ night |
| ___ the same time | ___ Sunday morning | ___ half an hour |
| ___ Eastertime | ___ the Renaissance | ___ the moment |
| ___ 9 July | ___ 4 o'clock | ___ every year |
| ___ tomorrow | ___ Sunday evening | ___ the afternoon |
| ___ Mondays | ___ the evenings | ___ sunrise |
| ___ the future | ___ the end of time | ___ Christmas Eve |
| ___ once | ___ graduation day | ___ a few minutes |

Now, use **at, on, in** or **X** to complete the sentences.

Let's meet _____ noon _____ Saturday.

The manager isn't here _____ the moment, but she'll be back _____ a few minutes.

Julie's birthday is _____ next week _____ August 16.

You won't be working _____ Saturday nights _____ the future, will you?

I'll be finished with my work _____ an hour.

Their flight arrives _____ 10:30 _____ tomorrow.

Grampa was born _____ the 1930s.

Steven will retire _____ December. We will have a party for him _____ November 30.

My grandparents visit us _____ every Christmas.

We will start building the house _____ spring.

Don't call me _____ lunch time, please. I won't be able to hear you in the restaurant.

Could you come _____ Monday morning?

I'm going to do the presentation at their company _____ next week.

They're getting married _____ two months.

This beautiful building was built _____ the 16th century.

The situation _____ present is very difficult.

John's away on holiday _____ the moment.

I've got two days off _____ Easter.

We told him about it _____ the following day.

You can wait for him. He'll be back _____ ten minutes.

The company is closed _____ public holidays.