

Prepositions of time

on – in – at

A. In the sentences below, in, on and at are missing. Can you find the place where a preposition is needed and add the correct one?

e.g.: Last Saturday, I was attending a meeting 2 o'clock. ... **at 2 o'clock.**

1. We're going on holiday the end of June.
2. My son goes to a language course Saturday mornings, but he's free the afternoons.
3. Jane is giving a party next Friday. I think it'll start early the evening.
4. We'd intended to hold the party a weekday, but then we thought it would be better to hold it the weekend.
5. My mother usually does the shopping the mornings because she says the shopping-centre is more crowded the evenings.
6. The evening of June 21st, there was a huge fire in our street.
7. How old will you be the year 2030?
8. Most summer resorts are very crowded especially July and August.
9. Shakespeare lived the sixteenth century, but his works are still very popular even today.
10. I'll be with Jim tomorrow morning, so I can only meet you the afternoon.
11. I received a letter from Sarah yesterday morning, and I'm going to write to her tonight.
12. Are you paid the beginning of the month, or the last day?

B. Supply the missing prepositions.

THE PROPHECY

People who live ¹ _____ California have every reason to be afraid of earthquakes. No one has ever forgotten the great quake that destroyed San Francisco ² _____ 1906. ³ _____ May, 1988, the people of Los Angeles panicked. According to a prophecy made ⁴ _____ the 16th century by a prophet called Nostradamus, the city would be destroyed early ⁵ _____ 1988. During the panic, parents didn't send their children ⁶ _____ school and people didn't go ⁷ _____ work. No one stayed ⁸ _____ home, either. The airlines did great business carrying people who fled ⁹ _____ their 'doomed city'. Which is more puzzling: how Nostradamus knew that a city which didn't even exist ¹⁰ _____ his time would be destroyed ¹¹ _____ the 20th century, or the behaviour of the people who believed 'the prophecy'?



The people of Los Angeles panicked

C. Match the first and second halves of the sentences.

► I waited for ages until the parcel arrived at

1. You should buy your tickets well in
2. As part of her job she has to travel a lot on
3. I didn't plan to meet him, it happened by
4. I won't make the same mistake in
5. There were no trains because the drivers were on
6. This kind of music is currently in

- a) fashion
- b) strike
- c) advance
- d) last
- e) business
- f) chance
- g) future

D. Complete these official instructions by putting in the correct prepositions.

► We can be contacted *by* phone at the number below.

1. Complaints must be put _____ writing and sent to the address below.
2. Please complete your personal details _____ capitals.
3. Applications sent _____ post will be dealt with as soon as possible.
4. Payment can be made _____ credit card or _____ cheque but not _____ cash.
5. Feel free to contact me _____ email at any time.

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