



Prepositions of Time

There are three prepositions of time

IN

ON

AT

IN

The preposition “in” is used in these situations

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| 1) Years | 6) Periods of time |
| 2) Months | 7) Seasons |
| 3) Decades | 8) Times of the day |
| 4) Centuries | |
| 5) Eras | |

IN

1) Years

I went to Spain in 2018.

IN

2) Months

My birthday is in July.

IN

3) Decades

I was born in the 80s.

IN

4) Centuries

There were two world wars in the 1900s.

IN

5) Eras

It was cold in The Ice Age.

IN

6) Periods of Time

In 3 weeks, I will go to France.

IN

7) Seasons

I will clean the garden in spring.

IN

8) Times of the day

In the morning, I wake up and get dressed.

ON

The preposition “on” is used in these situations

- 1) Days
- 2) Dates
- 3) 1 day specific event

ON

1) Days

I have English class on Monday.

ON

2) Dates

My birthday is on 25th September.

ON

3) 1 day Specific Events

On Christmas Day I usually go
for a walk.

AT

The preposition “at” is used in these situations

- 1) Time
- 2) Specific time of day
- 3) Mealtimes
- 4) Holiday period (longer than 1 day)

AT

1) Time

I have dinner at 7pm.

AT

2) Specific time of day

At midday I watch my favourite TV programme.

AT

3) Mealtimes

At lunch I normally do the ironing.

AT

4) Holiday period

*All my family get together at
Christmas.*

AT

There are some exception time phrases that also use “at”.

AT THE WEEKEND

AT NIGHT

The preposition “at” is used in these situations

AT THE WEEKEND

Shall we meet up at the weekend?

The preposition “at” is used in these situations

AT NIGHT

*I read a book and watch TV at
night before bed.*

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