

PREPOSITIONS, PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

Prepositions of TIME

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IN

We use **in** with years, seasons and months.

I got married **in 2007**.

I got married **in winter**.

I got married **in December**.

ON

We use **on** with days and dates.

I got married **on 31st December**.

I got married **on New Year's Eve**.

AT

We use **at** with times and well-known holiday periods.

I got married **at 3.30**.

I got married **at New Year**.

Here are some other *examples you should learn*:

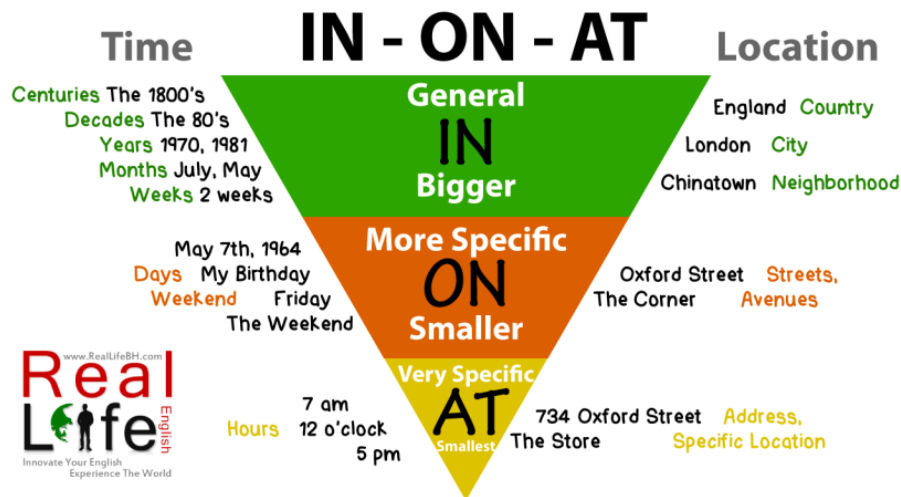
- **In** + the morning, the afternoon, the evening, but **at** night.
- **At** + mealtimes (at breakfast, at dinner ...).
- **At** + the weekend.
- **At** the moment, **at** present, **at** that moment.
- **In** the past, **in** the future.

Remember: we don't use in/on/at when we say "this / last / next".

I'll see you **next week**.

1. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1) We all meet _____ Christmas.
- 2) We have a turkey for dinner _____ Christmas Day.
- 3) She feels sleepy _____ the morning.
- 4) I'm sorry, I can't talk to you _____ the moment.
- 5) Last night he went to bed _____ midnight.
- 6) I'll give you a ring _____ Sunday morning _____ 10 o'clock.
- 7) In England, the school term ends _____ July.
- 8) People used to commute to work by tram _____ the past.
- 9) There's a big party at Freedom Square _____ New Year's Eve.
- 10) We have a meeting _____ the first Tuesday of the month.
- 11) Charles is arriving _____ November, 17th, _____ three o'clock _____ the afternoon.
- 12) She started studying at university _____ 2013.
- 13) Ok. See you _____ next week _____ Tuesday.



Picture taken from <http://reallifebh.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/in-on-at.png>

Prepositions of PLACE

Taken from:

<http://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/lessons/in-on-at-prepositions-place>,
<http://www.learnenglish.de/grammar/prepositionplace.html>

IN

We use **in** to show that something is enclosed or surrounded.

The dog is **in the garden**.
 She is **in a taxi**.
 Put it **in the box**.

We also use **in** to show position within land-areas (towns, states, countries, and continents).

I used to live **in Nottingham**.

ON

We use **on** to show position on a horizontal or vertical surface.

The cat sat **on the mat**.
 The satellite dish is **on the roof**.

AT

We use **at** to show a specific place or position.

Someone is **at the door**.
 They are waiting **at the bus stop**.
 I used to live **at 51 Portland Street**.

2. Complete the sentences using IN, ON or AT.

- 1) I always keep some extra money ___ my bag in case of emergencies.
- 2) I'll read it tonight ___ home.
- 3) Do you live ___ a house or an apartment?
- 4) I read about it ___ the newspaper.
- 5) He went for a swim ___ the river.
- 6) The dog's sleeping ___ the carpet.
- 7) The information is ___ the top of the page.
- 8) Were you ___ the party too?

Other prepositions of PLACE / MOVEMENT

under, over, next to, between, near (to), in front of, behind, up, down, to, away from, past, into, onto, out of, around, through, across, along

3. Complete the sentences using the correct preposition from the brackets.

<http://www.learnenglish.de/tests/prepositions/prepofmovement.html>

- 1) The mouse ran _____ the table to hide. (*through / in / under*)
- 2) The dog ran _____ the garden to play. (*into / onto / over*)
- 3) The ship sailed _____ the world. (*round / through / over*)
- 4) The train went _____ the tunnel. (*over / through / onto*)
- 5) The paint fell _____ the floor. (*into / onto / round*)
- 6) She broke her leg when she fell _____ the stairs. (*off / in / down*)
- 7) The burglar made a mistake when he ran _____ the policeman. (*towards / under / onto*)
- 8) I was tired after walking _____ the hill. (*through / into / up*)
- 9) When the train arrived at my destination I got _____. (*into / onto / off*)
- 10) The horse jumped _____ the fence. (*over / under / down*)

Prepositional phrases – VERBS + PREPOSITIONS

AT - look at, shout at, smile/ laugh at

TO - listen to, write to, talk/speak to, look forward to

FOR - look for, ask for, pay for, wait for, feel/be sorry for, apply for

ON - spend money on, depend on, insist on, rely on, concentrate on, congratulate sb. on sth.

IN - believe in, succeed in, specialise in

OF - remind sb. of, afraid of, die of

WITH - agree with, share sth. with sb., deal with

No preposition

meet sb., marry sb., divorce sb., play the (musical instrument), phone/call sb., tell sb.

4. Fill in the missing prepositions

- 1) You remind me _____ one of my classmates. She's got long dark hair and a little nose, too.
- 2) Mary admitted she shouted _____ her little sister yesterday and now she feels really sorry.
- 3) The little baby smiled _____ her parents for the first time. They were very happy.
- 4) I feel sorry _____ my students. I can't imagine sitting at the desk for almost six hours a day.
- 5) The boys laughed _____ him because he was clumsy.
- 6) His aunt died _____ cancer when she was young.
- 7) Sorry, I can't decide it. It doesn't depend _____ me.
- 8) Look _____ the sunset! It's so beautiful.
- 9) I'm afraid I don't agree _____ you about the decision.
- 10) She is looking forward _____ seeing us at the meeting.
- 11) I really trust him and I think I can rely _____ him in every situation.
- 12) Kevin told _____ me about his sister's accident.

Note:

WORK + PREPOSITION (work **in** a town/building, work **on** a project, work **for** a company, work **as** a journalist/an actor, work **with** people/material)

Prepositional phrases – ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

ABOUT - excited about, worried about, nervous about, angry about sth., annoyed about sth., furious about

AT - good at, bad at, hopeless at

FOR - famous for, well known for, responsible for

OF - afraid of, frightened of, scared of, proud of, full of, aware of, tired of

- nice / kind / good / friendly / polite / rude / stupid of someone to do something

TO - engaged to, married to, similar to

- be nice/ kind/ good/ friendly/ polite/ rude to someone

WITH - pleased with, disappointed with, happy with, satisfied with, angry/ annoyed with sb.

5. Fill in the missing prepositions

- 1) We were disappointed _____ the football match.
- 2) I'm excited _____ having my birthday party tomorrow.
- 3) You look very pleased _____ yourself.
- 4) I'm angry _____ all the mess you have made.
- 5) I'm not very good _____ mathematics.
- 6) Your camera is similar _____ mine.
- 7) Brazil is famous _____ its coffee.
- 8) Are you scared _____ spiders?
- 9) Who is responsible _____ breaking this window?
- 10) My homework was full _____ mistakes.
- 11) I'm tired _____ doing the same things every day.
- 12) It was very nice _____ Sam to lend you the money.
- 13) A shop assistant should be polite _____ customers.
- 14) I'm very proud _____ you.