


Prepositions of **time**

Part 1





**Preposition that allows you to discuss
a specific time period such as
a date on the calendar,
one of the days of the week, or
the actual time something takes place.**

At

This preposition of time is used to discuss clock times, holidays and festivals, and other very specific time frames including exceptions, such as “at night.”

Specific time of the day

at dawn

at night, at midday

There was a loud noise which woke us up **at** midnight.

I always watch the News **at** breakfast time.

Clock times

at 6 o'clock,

at 7 p.m., at 18 hrs.

Lucy is arriving on February the 13th at 5 o'clock in the evening.

The train leaves _ tomorrow morning at 10 am

Festive seasons

at Christmas

at Easter

Do you usually eat chocolate eggs at Easter?

I usually go to my parents' house at Christmas. We eat turkey together on Christmas Day.

Seasons

in summer

in the summer

The trees here are really beautiful **in** the spring.

They usually go to the south of France **in** the summer.



In

This preposition of time is used to discuss months, seasons, years, centuries, general times of day, and longer periods of time such as “in** the past.”**



Parts of the day

in the morning

in the afternoon, **in** the evening

I like to drink coffee **in** the morning and tea **in** the evening

I often get sleepy **in** the afternoon.



Months

in July,

in August, in the month of August

The weather is often terrible in London **in** January

His birthday is **in** June.



Years

in 1996,

in 2023, in the year 2023

Shakespeare died **in 1616**

I graduated from university **in 2010**



Seasons

in summer

in the summer

The trees here are really beautiful **in** the spring.

They usually go to the south of France **in** the summer.

On

This preposition of time is used to discuss certain **days of the week** or portions of days of the week, **specific dates**, and **special days** such as “**on** New Year’s Day.”



Days

on Sunday, on Sundays

on Good Friday

on my birthday

I like to drink coffee **in the morning and tea **in** the evening**

I often get sleepy **in the afternoon.**



Dates

on the 25th of December

on December 25th

The weather is often terrible in London **in** January

His birthday is **in** June.

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