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PREPOSITIONS OF TIME:

AT, ON, and IN

We use **at** to designate specific times.

*The computer technician starts **at** 7 o'clock.*

*He finishes work **at** midnight.*

We use **on** to designate days and dates.

*My sister is coming **on** Saturday.*

*We're having a party **on** the twenty-fifth of April / **on** New Year's Day.*

We use **in** for nonspecific times during a day, a month, a season, or a year.

*She likes to surf the Net **in** the morning.*

*He's going on holiday **in** August.*

*It's too hot **in** summer to run outside.*

*He started the job **in** 1990.*

AT	IN	ON
at 8 o'clock	in October	on Monday
at night / midnight	in 2009	on Tuesday morning
at midday	in Summer	on Wednesday afternoon
at the weekend	in the morning	on Friday evening
at Christmas	in the afternoon	on Sunday night
at Easter	in ten minutes	on the twenty-first of June
at the end of	in 2 days/weeks/years	on New Year's Day
at the moment	in the 21 st century	on Christmas Day

We use **NO** preposition before:

This... (this afternoon, this month, etc)

Next... (next Saturday, next week, etc)

last... (last week, last April, etc)

every... (every day, every month, etc)

Grammar practice

Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition. Sometimes there is no preposition.

1. My father always reads the newspaper ____ the morning.
2. He comes back home ____ the afternoon.
3. The twins were born ____ 11th July.
4. I was born ____ December.
5. The train leaves ____ seven o'clock ____ Sundays.
6. I'll be ready ____ about ten minutes.
7. Goodbye! See you ____ Monday morning.
8. We often go away ____ the weekend.
9. I always start work ____ nine o'clock.
10. We sometimes go abroad ____ summer
11. Do you do gymnastics ____ Monday
12. I left school ____ 1999.
13. I often go out ____ night.
14. Would you like to go to the cinema ____
15. Wait for me. I'll be back ____ half an hour.
16. Will you phone me ____ this evening?
17. I phone my grandmother ____ Saturday.