

Prepositions of Time (in, on, at) – Test 1



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Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: In, on or at?

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. The film starts _____ 8 o'clock.
 A in B at C on D to
2. My birthday is _____ May.
 A on B at C in D to
3. We have English _____ Monday.
 A on B in C at D by
4. Sara was born _____ 2010.
 A at B on C for D in
5. I have lunch _____ noon.
 A in B on C at D to
6. The party is _____ Saturday evening.
 A in B on C at D to
7. It is very cold here _____ winter.
 A in B on C at D by
8. I do my homework _____ the afternoon.
 A at B on C to D in
9. We go to bed _____ night.
 A at B in C on D for
10. The shop is closed _____ 25 December.
 A in B at C on D to

Part 2: Sentences, mistakes and questions

Choose the correct sentence, find the mistake, or choose the correct word or question.

11. Choose the correct sentence.
 A I get up in 7 o'clock. B I get up on 7 o'clock.
 C I get up at 7 o'clock. D I get up at the 7 o'clock.
12. Choose the correct sentence.
 A We don't work in Sundays. B We don't work on Sundays.
 C We don't work at Sundays. D We don't work on the Sundays.

13. Is your exam _____ June or July?
A on **B** at **C** in **D** to
14. Find the mistake: My sister's birthday is in 3 April.
A sister's **B** birthday **C** is **D** in
15. Find the mistake: We have a test at Friday morning.
A have **B** a test **C** at **D** morning
16. Find the mistake: In Tuesday, I always go to the gym.
A In **B** always **C** go **D** to the gym
17. The museum doesn't open _____ Mondays.
A in **B** at **C** for **D** on
18. I see my grandmother _____ every Sunday.
A on **B** — (no word) **C** in **D** at
19. Are you free _____ tomorrow?
A at **B** in **C** on **D** — (no word)
20. Choose the right question for this answer: "At half past six."
A What time do you have dinner? **B** When is your birthday?
C What day is it today? **D** Which month is your holiday?

Part 3: Reading – Amira's week

Read Amira's email. Then choose the correct word for each gap (1–10).

Hi! I'm Amira and I'm a nurse in a big hospital. My job is busy, but I love it.
 I start work (1) ___ 7 o'clock (2) ___ the morning. (3) ___ Mondays and Wednesdays, I finish early. I go home and have lunch with my brother, Tomás.
 I don't work (4) ___ Friday evenings. I meet my friends and we go to a small restaurant. We usually go home (5) ___ midnight.
 My favourite month is August. My holiday is (6) ___ August, and I go to the sea with my family. I don't like the cold, so I'm not very happy (7) ___ winter!
 My birthday is (8) ___ 14 October. This year my party is (9) ___ next Saturday. It starts (10) ___ 8 p.m.
 Can you come?
 Amira

21. Gap 1: I start work _____ 7 o'clock ...
A in **B** on **C** at **D** — (no word)
22. Gap 2: ... 7 o'clock _____ the morning.
A at **B** in **C** on **D** — (no word)
23. Gap 3: _____ Mondays and Wednesdays, I finish early.
A In **B** At **C** On **D** — (no word)
24. Gap 4: I don't work _____ Friday evenings.
A on **B** in **C** at **D** for
25. Gap 5: We usually go home _____ midnight.
A in **B** on **C** for **D** at

26. Gap 6: My holiday is _____ August.

A at

B on

C in

D — (no word)

27. Gap 7: I'm not very happy _____ winter!

A in

B at

C on

D for

28. Gap 8: My birthday is _____ 14 October.

A in

B on

C at

D — (no word)

29. Gap 9: This year my party is _____ next Saturday.

A on

B in

C at

D — (no word)

30. Gap 10: It starts _____ 8 p.m.

A in

B at

C on

D for

Answer key – Prepositions of Time (in, on, at) – Test 1

1 B	2 C	3 A	4 D	5 C	6 B	7 A	8 D	9 A	10 C
11 C	12 B	13 C	14 D	15 C	16 A	17 D	18 B	19 D	20 A
21 C	22 B	23 C	24 A	25 D	26 C	27 A	28 B	29 D	30 B

Explanations

- B** – We use 'at' with clock times.
- C** – We use 'in' with months.
- A** – We use 'on' with days of the week.
- D** – We use 'in' with years.
- C** – We say 'at noon', like a clock time.
- B** – We use 'on' with a day plus part of the day, such as 'Saturday evening'.
- A** – We use 'in' with seasons.
- D** – We say 'in the morning', 'in the afternoon' and 'in the evening'.
- A** – The fixed phrase is 'at night'.
- C** – We use 'on' with dates.
- C** – Clock times take 'at' and no article.
- B** – Days take 'on', and we don't use 'the' in 'on Sundays'.
- C** – Months take 'in', in questions too.
- D** – Dates take 'on', so the correct form is 'on 3 April'.
- C** – A day plus part of the day takes 'on': 'on Friday morning'.
- A** – Days take 'on', so it should be 'On Tuesday'.
- D** – Days take 'on', in negative sentences too.
- B** – We don't use a preposition before 'every'.
- D** – We don't use a preposition before 'tomorrow'.
- A** – 'At half past six' is a clock time, so it answers 'What time...?'.
- C** – Clock times take 'at'.
- B** – We say 'in the morning'.
- C** – Days take 'on'.
- A** – A day plus part of the day takes 'on'.
- D** – We say 'at midnight', like a clock time.
- C** – Months take 'in'.
- A** – Seasons take 'in'.
- B** – Dates take 'on'.
- D** – We don't use a preposition before 'next'.
- B** – Clock times take 'at'.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after introducing the basic rule: at for clock times, on for days and dates, and in for months, years, seasons and longer periods. It targets typical A1 errors such as 'in Monday', 'at Friday morning', 'in 3 April' and adding a preposition before every, next or tomorrow. Part 2 includes error-spotting items that work well for pair discussion. As a follow-up, ask learners to write five sentences about their own week using in, on and at.