

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

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Write *in*, *on* or *at* in each gap.

Example: I get up ___ 7 o'clock. → at

1. The lesson starts _____ 9 o'clock.
2. I was born _____ 2012.
3. We don't have school _____ Sunday.
4. Do you drink coffee _____ the morning?
5. My mum's birthday is _____ 14 May.
6. The film starts _____ midnight.
7. It's very hot here _____ August.
8. Do you see your friends _____ Friday evening?

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. Look at the preposition. There are two extra words.

Example: We go to the park on _____. It's the day after Saturday. → Sunday

WORD BOX

Monday December night noon my birthday summer the afternoon the morning Friday
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9. I go back to school on _____. It's the first day of the school week.
10. It's very cold in _____. It's the last month of the year.
11. The stars are in the sky and I sleep at _____.
12. We have lunch at _____, at 12 o'clock.
13. I get a cake and presents on _____.
14. It's hot and we go to the beach in _____.
15. I finish school at 3 o'clock and play football in _____.
16. I have breakfast in _____.

Exercise 3: Match the questions and answers

Match each question with the best answer from the box. There is one extra answer.

WORD BOX

At 7 o'clock in the morning. At noon. At 10 o'clock at night. On 3 June. In winter.
In September. On Saturdays and Sundays. In 1990.

17. When do you have breakfast? → _____
18. When do you have lunch? → _____
19. When do you go to bed? → _____
20. When is your birthday? → _____
21. When do you go skiing? → _____
22. When does the new school year start? → _____
23. Which days don't you work? → _____

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: I play tennis in Tuesday. → I play tennis on Tuesday.

24. I don't work in Sunday.

25. Is the party on 8 o'clock?

26. We go skiing on winter.

27. My birthday is in 3 April.

28. She doesn't watch TV at the morning.

29. Do you go out in the weekend?

30. The shop closes on midnight.

31. They don't have school at July.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

Example: at / I / 7 o'clock / get up → I get up at 7 o'clock.

32. you / do / at / work / night / ?

33. the / on / is / party / Saturday / ?

34. doesn't / she / on / Mondays / work

35. in / we / swim / summer / the sea / in

36. lunch / at / have / I / 1 o'clock

37. the / in / evening / do / study / you / ?

38. don't / at / they / play / the weekend / football

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

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **at**
We use at with clock times.
2. **in**
We use in with years.
3. **on**
We use on with days of the week.
4. **in**
We say in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening.
5. **on**
We use on with dates.
6. **at**
We use at with midnight and noon.
7. **in**
We use in with months.
8. **on**
We use on with a day + part of the day, e.g. on Friday evening.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

9. **Monday**
On + day: Monday is the first day of the school week.
10. **December**
In + month: December is the last month.
11. **night**
We say at night (but in the morning).
12. **noon**
At + noon: noon is 12 o'clock in the day.
13. **my birthday**
We use on with special days like my birthday.
14. **summer**
We use in with seasons.
15. **the afternoon**
After 3 o'clock is the afternoon: in the afternoon.
16. **the morning**
We have breakfast in the morning.

Exercise 3: Match the questions and answers

17. **At 7 o'clock in the morning.**
Breakfast is in the morning: at + time, in the morning.
18. **At noon.**
Lunch is at noon (12 o'clock).
19. **At 10 o'clock at night.**
We go to bed at night: at + time, at night.
20. **On 3 June.**
A birthday is a date, so we use on.
21. **In winter.**
We ski in the snow, in winter (in + season).
22. **In September.**
The school year often starts in September (in + month).
23. **On Saturdays and Sundays.**
The question asks about days, so we use on.

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

24. **I don't work on Sunday.**
Days of the week take on.
25. **Is the party at 8 o'clock?**
Clock times take at.
26. **We go skiing in winter.**
Seasons take in.
27. **My birthday is on 3 April.**
Dates take on.
28. **She doesn't watch TV in the morning.**
We say in the morning.
29. **Do you go out at the weekend?**
The reviewer's answer is correct and already accepted, because we say 'at the weekend' (British) or 'on the weekend' (American), never 'in the weekend'.
30. **The shop closes at midnight.**
We say at midnight.
31. **They don't have school in July.**
Months take in.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

32. Do you work at night?

Question: Do + you + verb + at night?

33. Is the party on Saturday?

Question with be: Is + the party + on + day?

34. She doesn't work on Mondays.

Negative: she + doesn't + verb; days take on.

35. We swim in the sea in summer.

The reviewer's answer is correct and already accepted, because place ('in the sea') usually comes before time ('in summer'), and the time phrase can also go at the start.

36. I have lunch at 1 o'clock.

Clock times take at; the time usually goes at the end.

37. Do you study in the evening?

Question: Do + you + verb + in the evening?

38. They don't play football at the weekend.

Negative: they + don't + verb; we say at the weekend.

Notes for teachers: Start by drawing three boxes on the board (AT: times, night, the weekend; ON: days, dates; IN: months, years, seasons, the morning/afternoon/evening) and let learners refer to them during Exercises 1–3. Common mistakes are 'in Monday', 'on the morning' and 'in night', so highlight the exceptions 'at night' and 'in the morning'. Note that British English uses 'at the weekend' and American English 'on the weekend'; both are accepted. As a follow-up, learners can interview a partner with 'When do you...?' questions and answer with in, on or at.