

Lecture Seven: Prepositions of Time and Place

By the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- use common prepositions (in, on, at) for time and place.
- understand simple directions and locations.
- complete short sentences using correct prepositions.

Prepositions of Time		
at	(a) We have class at one o'clock. (b) I have an appointment with the doctor at 3:00. (c) We sleep at night.	at + a specific time on the clock at + night
in	(d) My birthday is in October. (e) I was born in 1989. (f) We have class in the morning. (g) Bob has class in the afternoon. (h) I study in the evening.	in + a specific month in + a specific year in + the morning in + the afternoon in + the evening
on	(i) I have class on Monday. (j) I was born on October 31, 1991.	on + a specific day of the week on + a specific date
From.to	(k) We have class from 1:00 to 2:00.	from (a specific time) to (a specific time)

➤ In, on and at (place)

A Meanings



Emma is in the phone box.



Nick's dog is on the rug.



There's someone at the door.

<p>In and at with buildings:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In</p> <p>There are 400 seats <i>in</i> the cinema. It was raining, so we waited <i>in</i> the pub. We use <i>in</i> when we mean inside a building.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">At</p> <p>I was <i>at</i> the cinema. (= watching a film) We were <i>at</i> the pub. (= having a drink) But we normally use <i>at</i> when we are talking about what happens there.</p>
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- **Some common phrases (on):** on the platform - on the farm - on the page/map - on the screen - on the island/beach/coast - drive on the right/left - on the back of an envelope.....

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with prepositions of time.

1. We have class _____ ten o'clock.
2. We have class _____ ten _____ eleven.
3. I have class _____ the morning, and I work _____ the afternoon.
4. I study _____ the evening.
5. I sleep _____ night.
6. I was born _____ May.
7. I was born _____ 1988.
8. I was born _____ May 21.
9. I was born _____ May 21, 1988.
10. The post office isn't open _____ Sundays.
11. The post office is open _____ 8:00 A.M. _____ 5:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday.
12. The post office closes _____ 5:00 P.M.

Exercise 2:

Look at the pictures and write the sentences. Use *in*, *on* or *at* and these words:
the bath, the disco, the lights, the roof, the table



► *He's on the table.*

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