

# Grammar Challenge

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#### Quiz 1:

Look at this conversation between Helen and Dima. Some of the words are missing.

Choose the best answer from the options below to complete the sentences.

Dima: What did you do (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend?

Helen: I had a really busy time, not like (2) \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend when I didn't do anything at all. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, I got up (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.30 and went to the airport to meet my aunt. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon we went to a concert in the park. Then, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the evening we had a little party for her. So the guests started arriving (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 8ish and some were still there (8) \_\_\_\_\_ midnight!

Dima: Sounds like you had a great time.

Helen: Yes but I'm already looking forward to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ next weekend just so I can have a quiet time (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday!

#### Options

- (1) at / in / on / no preposition
- (2) at / in / on / no preposition
- (3) At / In / On / no preposition
- (4) at / in / on / no preposition
- (5) At / In / On / no preposition
- (6) at / in / on / no preposition
- (7) at / in / on / no preposition
- (8) at / in / on / no preposition
- (9) at / in / on / no preposition
- (10) at / in / on / no preposition

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#### Quiz 2: Correct / Wrong

Read the sentences and decide whether the time prepositions are correct or not.

1. Let's meet at 7 o'clock outside the cinema.

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

2. We always play badminton on Tuesdays at the gym.

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

3. Have you decided to get married at spring?

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

4. She grew up on the 1970s.

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

5. He was born on 15 June 1983.

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

6. In Last summer he went to Greece on holiday.

- a. Correct
- b. Wrong

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### Time prepositions - Answers

#### Exercise 2: Correct / Wrong

Read the sentences and decide whether the time prepositions are correct or not.

1. *Let's meet at 7 o'clock outside the cinema.*
  - a. Correct - Well done, we use 'at' with times.
  - b. Wrong – Sorry, the preposition is correct.
  
2. *We always play badminton on Tuesdays at the gym.*
  - a. Correct – Well done, we use 'on' with days of the week.
  - b. Wrong – Sorry, the preposition is correct.
  
3. *Have you decided to get married at Spring?*
  - a. Correct – Sorry, the preposition is wrong.
  - b. Wrong – Well done, we don't use 'at' for longer periods of time, we use 'in'.
  
4. *She grew up on the 1970s.*
  - a. Correct – Sorry, the preposition is wrong.
  - b. Wrong – Well done, we don't use 'on' for longer periods of time, we use 'in'.
  
5. *He was born on 15 June 1983.*
  - a. Correct – Well done, we use 'on' with dates.
  - b. Wrong – Sorry, the preposition is correct.
  
6. *In Last summer he went to Greece on holiday.*
  - a. Correct – Sorry, the preposition is wrong.
  - b. Wrong – Well done, we don't use a preposition with words like 'last' or 'next'.