



Preposition of time

A preposition of time is a preposition used to indicate when a particular action takes place. The most common prepositions of time are **at**, **in** and **on**.

The three prepositions seem to confuse many English language users as they have the same function. What you should know is that they cannot be used interchangeably as they refer to different time frames.

- The preposition '**at**' is used to refer to a specific time. This preposition of time is used to discuss clock times, holidays and festivals, and other very specific time frames including exceptions, such as "at night."

*"We won't have a meeting **at** 2 PM; it has been rescheduled."*

*"**At** what time is the project deadline?"*

- The preposition '**on**' is used to refer to a particular day or date, such as on Sunday, on May 25th. This preposition of time is used to discuss certain days of the week or portions of days of the week, specific dates, and special days such as "on New Year's Day."

*"We will work **on** the weekend coding tasks for the software development phase."*

*"The deadline for the project deliverables is not **on** Sunday; it's **on** Wednesday."*

- The preposition '**in**' refers to a broader time frame, such as a month or a year, a decade, etc. This preposition of time is used to discuss months, seasons, years, centuries, general times of day, and longer periods of time such as "in the past."

*"The project will be completed **in** two weeks."*

*"The bug was discovered **in** the testing phase."*

