

Prepositions of time and place: usage rules

Time

Use **on** with the names of days or dates.

on Thursday	on Monday morning	on New Year's Day	on May 3 rd
on the weekend	on Sundays	on a weekday	

Use **in** with periods of time (but not with names of days).

in 2008	in July	in [the] spring	in an hour
in the morning	in the 20 th century	in the 1950s	in two weeks

Use **at** with specific moments in time.

at 9:00	at dawn	at noon
at sunrise	at dusk	at midnight

Place

Use **on** with the names of streets and specific physical locations.

on Main Street	on Smith Avenue	on the corner
on the street	on the right	on the left

Use **in** with the names of cities, countries, continents, and other large locations.

in the neighborhood	in the center of town	in Lima	in front of the school
in Korea	in Africa	in the ocean	

Use **at** for buildings and addresses.

at the theater	at the supermarket	at the bank
at the train station	at 10 Main Street	

Use **at** for general locations of activity.

at home	at work	at school
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A Complete the sentences with on, in, or at.

1 A: When's the movie?

B: The movie is Friday 8:30.

2 A: Where is he?

B: He's not here right now. He's work.

3 A: Where's his office?

B: It's the center of town.

4 A: When was her mother born?

B: She was born January 1.

5 A: When does the movie take place?

B: It takes place the 19th century Africa.

6 the weekend, I'm going to the concert
the public library.

7 The park opens 6:00 the morning
and closes dusk.

8 Is the concert hall Grove Street?

9 I think the theater is the right side of
the street.

10 Let's go to the evening show. The concert is
outside, and the weather is really hot
the afternoon.

11 This concert occurs every second year
November.

12 I'll see you Thursday morning in front of
the theater, OK?

B Look at the tickets. On a separate sheet of paper, write questions with When or What time.
Write a question with Where.



Would like for preference: review and expansion

You can express a preference for an activity with would like to + a verb.

Statements

I'd like to go to the movies tonight.

She'd like to see a play.

They wouldn't like to be late.

Questions and answers

Would you like to go to the lecture with me?

Yes, I would. / No, I wouldn't.

Would your parents like to see this movie?

Yes, they would. / No, they wouldn't.

What would you like to download?

Some good Peruvian folk music.

Where would he like to go?

To the concert in the park.

When would they like to leave?

At about 9:00 in the morning.

Who would you like to invite to the rock concert?

All my friends.

BUT Who would like to go to a play tonight?

We would!

Remember: You can also use would like + a noun to state a preference:

I'd like coffee. / Would you like tea?

Contractions

I would like → I'd like

We would not like → We wouldn't like

Be careful! Don't contract would in affirmative short answers.

Would you like to listen to music? Yes, I would. NOT Yes, I'd.

C Complete the conversations with would like to + a verb. Use contractions when possible.

1 A: (see) *Frozen* this evening?

B: Sorry. No, I I'm not an animated movie fan.

2 A: (go) to the concert with us?

B: Yes, they

3 A: Who (eat) dinner at Mario's Restaurant?

B: We !

4 A: you (download) a music video?

B: Sounds good! Yes, I

5 A: What your sister (do) this afternoon after class?

B: She (hang out) with her friends for an hour before dinner.

6 A: When your teacher (show) the video?

B: He (show) the video tomorrow morning in class.