




PREPOSITIONS OF TIME & PLACE:  
*IN, ON, & AT*  
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## WHAT ARE PREPOSITIONS?



Jack is *in* the box.

- Prepositions link nouns and pronouns to objects in a sentence and **always** introduce a prepositional phrase [preposition → object]
- María was [*at* the doctor's office.]
- [*On* Friday,] Jorge was [*in* San Juan.]

## PREPOSITIONS OF TIME




AT	IN	ON
<i>Specific clock times, mealtimes:</i> noon, night, midnight, breakfast, lunch dinner 8:00, 7:30, 1:15, 10:30	<i>Nonspecific times</i> in a day, month, season, or year	<i>Specific Days or Dates:</i> M-T-W-Th-F-Sat-Sun

## PRACTICE: PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

AT	IN	ON
<i>Specific: times, mealtimes</i>	<i>Nonspecific: Seasons, years, months, parts of day, period of time</i>	<i>Specific: days and dates</i>


- I drink a glass of warm milk to help me sleep **at** in, on) night.
- Her birthday is (at, in, **on**) April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The air is very cool (at, **in**, on) the winter.
- He will go to the mall (at, **in**, on) three hours.
- The exam is **at**, in, on) 3:00 pm.
- The weather is warm (at, **in**, on) the fall season.
- We will be at Longhorn Restaurant (at, in, **on**) Sunday **at**, in, on) lunchtime.
- Carlos will travel to Miami (at, **in**, on) July.

## PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE



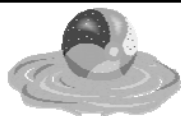
AT	IN	ON
<i>Specific addresses:</i> at 55 Sol Street in San Germán	<i>Names of land areas:</i> towns, counties, countries, states, continents – He lives in Rincón, Puerto Rico.	<i>Names of streets &amp; avenues:</i> on Luna Street

## PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE



AT	IN	ON
<i>General locations or points in space:</i> the corner, airport, restaurant, bus stop, café	<i>An enclosed space:</i> room, garden, house, water, bag, purse, wallet	<i>A surface:</i> table, desk, board, ceiling, floor, ground

## PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE



AT	IN	ON
<i>A meeting place, event, or target:</i> party, movies, conference, village, intersection	<i>Print medium:</i> book, magazine, newspaper	<i>A general vicinity, electronic medium:</i> coast, river, road, small island, beach, left, right, television, Internet, radio

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## PRACTICE: PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

AT	IN	ON
<i>Addresses, general locations, points in space, meeting places, events</i>	<i>Names of land areas, enclosed spaces, print mediums</i>	<i>Names of streets, surfaces, general vicinities, an electronic medium</i>

- The party is (at, in, on) Rogelio's house.
- He has a large dog (at, in, on) his house.
- His house (at, in, on) the coast (at, in, on) Cabo Rojo.
- On our trip, we stopped (at, in, on) Yabucoa.
- He likes to surf (at, in, on) the Internet.
- She waited (at, in, on) the bus stop for the trolley.
- The cat is (at, in, on) the bed.
- The article was (at, in, on) the newspaper.
- There is a pen (at, in, on) my backpack.
- There was a bug (at, in, on) the ceiling.

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## SUMMARY



- *At, on, and in* are prepositions to show time and place
- All prepositions link nouns and pronouns to objects and introduce prepositional phrases
- There always are exceptions to the rules!
  - We ride *in a car* but .... we ride *on a bus, on a plane, on a train, and/or on a subway*.

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