



# Prepositions of Time 1

Grammar > Intermediate 4



# Exercise 1 – Learning

Prepositions of time in this lesson: **in, at, on**

## In + [period of time]

Use the preposition '**in**' to refer to an unspecified point in that period of time:

- **a month**: Susan's birthday is **in** December. [= *Her birthday may be December 1st, 3rd, 10th, 25th, 31st, etc.*]
- **a year**: She was born **in** 1969. [= *Her birthday may be Jan 25th, February 13th, April 6th, October 21st, etc.*]
- **a season**: She was born **in** the fall.
- **a part of the day**: She was born **in** the morning.



## On + [days/dates]

Use the preposition '**on**' to refer to specific days:

- days of the week: She was born **on** Saturday.
- specific dates: She was born **on** December 21st.

We put our finger **on** a specific day of the calendar:

*Ex: My birthday is **on** the 21st.*

## At + [specific times]

Use the preposition '**at**' to talk about a specific time:

- She was born **at** 5 o'clock in the morning.
- She was born **at** midnight/noon.
- She was born **at** night.

**Tip:** We say '**in the morning/afternoon/evening**' but '**at night**'.



## Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

*Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.*

1. I make breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.

- a) in
- b) at

2. I make lunch \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

- a) in
- b) at

3. I have a day off \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

- a) in
- b) on

4. I have a vacation \_\_\_\_\_ the summer.

- a) in
- b) on



5. I was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1965.

- a) in
- b) at

6. I usually wake up \_\_\_\_\_ 7 a.m.

- a) in
- b) at

7. Her birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ August 17<sup>th</sup>.

- a) in
- b) on

8. You can see stars \_\_\_\_\_ night.

- a) in
- b) at



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.*

**Example:** I wake up, 8:30. → I wake up at 8:30.

### Content:

1. I brush my teeth, the morning.
2. I go to school, noon.
3. I drink coffee, 6 o'clock.
4. I was born, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Lisa is born, the winter.
6. I moved here, 1973.