


DIFFERENCE OF 'AT' AND 'IN'

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<p>(i) We use at for a position at a small space. (ছোট জায়গার পূর্বে at বসে।) You can be at home/at school/at a hotel/at the bus stop/at Lalpur (village)/at Midnapur (town). "We were at the cafe." (expresses position) —John Eastwood</p>	<p>(i) We use in for a position in a large space. (বড় জায়গার পূর্বে in বসে।) You can be in Kolkata (city)/in Delhi/in London/in Hooghly (district)/in a country/in a forest/in a desert.</p> 
<p>(ii) We use at office/library/cinema/theatre/building etc. when we are talking about the normal purpose of it. (অফিস, লাইব্রেরি, সিনেমা, থিয়েটার ইত্যাদির ক্ষেত্রে যখন তার স্বাভাবিক উদ্দেশ্যের কথা বলা হয়, তখন তার পূর্বে at বসে।) He is at the office. (= on duty) The Browns are at the theatre. (= watching a play). "We were at the library. (= choosing a book)." —Oxford Guide to English Grammar —John Eastwood</p>	<p>(ii) We use in office/in the office etc. when it denotes simply inside the building or position within. (অফিস ইত্যাদি building-এর মধ্যে position বোঝাতে বা inside the building বোঝাতে in বসে।) He is in the office. (= inside the office) He is not in office now. (= in position) The Browns are in the theatre to meet someone. "It was cold in the library. (= inside the building)" —Oxford Guide to English Grammar —John Eastwood</p>
<p>(iii) We use at for a point of time. (নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের ক্ষেত্রে at বসে।) You can meet me at 10 o'clock/at 8 a.m./at 4 p.m./at half past five/at breakfast (time)/at dawn/at noon (short span of time)/at that time/at the moment. We also use at with holiday periods of two or three days. at Christmas/at the weekend. We go to the country-side at the weekend. [For Advanced Learners]</p>	<p>(iii) We use in for a period of time. (অনির্দিষ্ট ব্যাপক সময়ের ক্ষেত্রে in বসে।) You can meet me in the morning/in the afternoon/in the evening/in the next few days/in the summer holidays/in spring/in July/in 1995. He will come in an hour. Exception : at night. Note : We use on with a single day—on Sunday, on Tuesday afternoon, on that day, on the 7th August, on the evening of the 12th.</p>