

A

at



at

8 o'clock  
10.30  
midnight etc.

- I start work **at 8 o'clock**.
- The shops close **at 5.30**.

on



on

Sunday(s) / Monday(s) etc.  
25 April / 6 June etc.  
New Year's Day etc.

- Bye! I'll see you **on Friday**.
- What do you usually do **on Sundays**?
- The concert is **on 22 November**.

in



in

April/June etc.  
2013/1988 etc.  
summer/spring etc.

- I'm going on holiday **in October**.
- Emma was born **in 1995**.
- The park is beautiful **in spring**.

B

We say:

**at the weekend**  
**at night**  
**at Christmas**  
**at the end of ...**  
**at the moment**

- Are you going away **at the weekend**?
- I can't sleep **at night**.
- Where will you be **at Christmas**? (*but on Christmas Day*)
- I'm going on holiday **at the end of** October.
- Are you busy **at the moment**?

C

**in the morning / in the afternoon / in the evening**

- I always feel good **in the morning**.
- Do you often go out **in the evening**?

but

**on Monday morning / on Tuesday afternoon / on Friday evening / on Saturday night** etc.:

- I'm meeting Jackie **on Monday morning**.
- Are you doing anything **on Saturday night**?

D

We do *not* use **at/on/in** before:

**this ...** (**this morning / this week** etc.)  
**last ...** (**last August / last week** etc.)  
**next ...** (**next Monday / next week** etc.)  
**every ...** (**every day / every week** etc.)

- Are you going out **this evening**?
- We go on holiday **every summer**. **Last summer** we went to Canada.
- I'm leaving **next Monday**.  
(*not on next Monday*)

E

**in five minutes / in a few days / in six weeks / in two years** etc.



now



in five minutes

- Hurry! The train leaves **in five minutes**.  
(= it leaves five minutes from now)
- Bye! I'll see you **in a few days**.  
(= a few days from now)

# Exercises

**103.1** Write **at/on/in**.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <u>on</u> 6 June      | 7 ..... 24 September   | 13 ..... Friday morning     |
| 2 <u>in</u> the evening | 8 ..... Thursday       | 14 ..... Saturday night     |
| 3 ..... half past two   | 9 ..... 11.45          | 15 ..... night              |
| 4 ..... Wednesday       | 10 ..... Christmas Day | 16 ..... the end of the day |
| 5 ..... 2007            | 11 ..... Christmas     | 17 ..... the weekend        |
| 6 ..... September       | 12 ..... the morning   | 18 ..... winter             |

**103.2** Write **at/on/in**.

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| 1 Bye! See you <u>on</u> Friday.             | 11 I often go away ..... the weekend.                  |
| 2 Where were you ..... 28 February?          | 12 I'm starting my new job ..... 3 July.               |
| 3 I got up ..... 8 o'clock this morning.     | 13 We often go to the beach ..... summer.              |
| 4 I like getting up early ..... the morning. | 14 George isn't here ..... the moment.                 |
| 5 My sister got married ..... May.           | 15 Jane's birthday is ..... December.                  |
| 6 Jessica and I first met ..... 2006.        | 16 Do you work ..... Saturdays?                        |
| 7 Did you go out ..... Tuesday?              | 17 The company started ..... 1999.                     |
| 8 Did you go out ..... Tuesday evening?      | 18 I like to look at the stars ..... night.            |
| 9 Do you often go out ..... the evening?     | 19 I'll send you the money ..... the end of the month. |
| 10 Let's meet ..... 7.30 tomorrow evening.   |  |

**103.3** Look at Lisa's diary for next week and complete the sentences.



- Lisa is going to the cinema on Wednesday evening.
- She has to phone Chris .....
- She isn't doing anything special .....
- She's got a driving lesson .....
- She's going to a party .....
- She's meeting Sam .....

**103.4** Write sentences with **in ...**.

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| 1 It's 8.25 now. The train leaves at 8.30.      | <u>The train leaves in five minutes.</u> |
| 2 It's Monday today. I'll call you on Thursday. | I'll ..... days.                         |
| 3 Today is 14 June. My exam is on 28 June.      | My .....                                 |
| 4 It's 3 o'clock now. Tom will be here at 3.30. | Tom .....                                |

**103.5** Write **at/on/in** if necessary. Sometimes the sentence is already complete, and no word is necessary.

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|---|---|
| 1 I'm going <u>on</u> Friday.                     | 7 What are you doing ..... the weekend?       |
| 2 I'm going ..... next Friday. (already complete) | 8 I phone Robert ..... every Sunday.          |
| 3 I always feel tired ..... the evening.          | 9 Shall we play tennis ..... next Sunday?     |
| 4 Will you be at home ..... this evening?         | 10 I can't go to the party ..... Sunday.      |
| 5 We went to France ..... last summer.            | 11 I'm going out. I'll be back ..... an hour. |
| 6 Laura was born ..... 1997.                      | 12 I don't often go out ..... night.          |