

A

at



at	8 o'clock 10.30 midnight <i>etc.</i>
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- I start work **at 8 o'clock**.
- The shops close **at 5.30**.

on



on	Sunday(s) / Monday(s) <i>etc.</i> 25 April / 6 June <i>etc.</i> New Year's Day <i>etc.</i>
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- Goodbye! See you **on Friday**.
- I don't work **on Sundays**.
- The concert is **on 22 November**.

in



in	April/June <i>etc.</i> 1985/1750 <i>etc.</i> summer/spring <i>etc.</i>
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- I'm going on holiday **in October**.
- Emma left school **in 1993**.
- The garden is lovely **in spring**.

B

We say:

at the weekend
at night
at Christmas / at Easter
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 Jill **on Monday morning**.
- Are you doing anything **on Saturday evening**?

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**?
- The garden was lovely **last summer**.
- I'm going on holiday **next Monday**.
(*not 'on next Monday'*)

EXERCISES

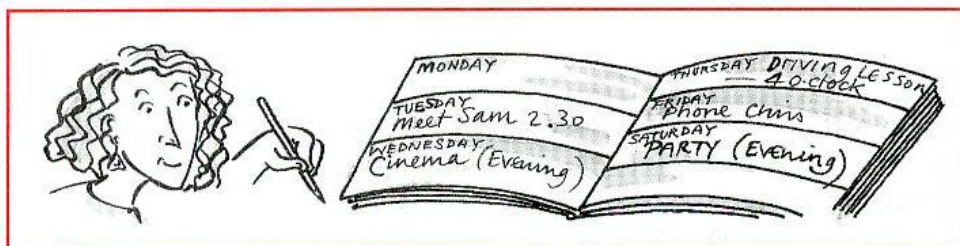
1 Write at/on/in.

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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 1987 | 11 Christmas | 17 the weekend |
| 6 September | 12 the morning | 18 winter |

2 Write at/on/in.

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| 1 Goodbye! 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 Julia's birthday is January. |
| 6 Diane and I first met 1979. | 16 Do you work Saturdays? |
| 7 Did you go out Tuesday? | 17 The company started 1969. |
| 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. | |

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



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

4 Write at/on/in if necessary. Sometimes there is no preposition.

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| 1 I'm leaving <u>on</u> Friday. | 7 What are you doing the weekend? |
| 2 I'm leaving next Friday. (no preposition) | 8 I phone Robert every Sunday. |
| 3 I always feel tired the evening. | 9 Shall we play tennisnext 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 1975. | 12 I don't often go out night. |

ANSWER KEY

- 1**
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| 3 at | 11 at |
| 4 on | 12 in |
| 5 in | 13 on |
| 6 in | 14 on |
| 7 on | 15 at |
| 8 on | 16 at |
| 9 at | 17 at |
| 10 on | 18 in |

- 2**
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| 2 on | 11 at |
| 3 at | 12 on |
| 4 in | 13 in |
| 5 in | 14 at |
| 6 in | 15 in |
| 7 on | 16 on |
| 8 on | 17 in |
| 9 in | 18 at |
| 10 at | 19 at |

- 3**
- 2 on Friday
 - 3 on Monday
 - 4 at 4 o'clock on Thursday / on Thursday at 4 o'clock
 - 5 on Saturday evening
 - 6 at 2.30 on Tuesday (afternoon) / on Tuesday (afternoon) at 2.30

- 4**
- 3 in
 - 4 – *(no preposition)*
 - 5 – *(no preposition)*
 - 6 in
 - 7 at
 - 8 – *(no preposition)*
 - 9 – *(no preposition)*
 - 10 on
 - 11 in
 - 12 at