

at 8 o'clock on Monday in April

A



at
8 o'clock
10.30
midnight etc.

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

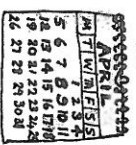
on



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

- Goodbye! See you on Friday.
- I don't work on Sundays.
- The concert is on 22 November.

in



in
April/June etc.
1985/1750 etc.
summer/spring etc.

- 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?

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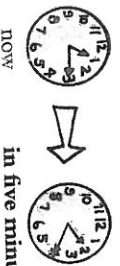
We do not use at/on/in before:

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')

E

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



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

EXERCISES

96.1

Write at/on/in.

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|------------------|----|---------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 on 6 June | 7 | 24 September | 13 | Friday morning |
| 2 in 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 |

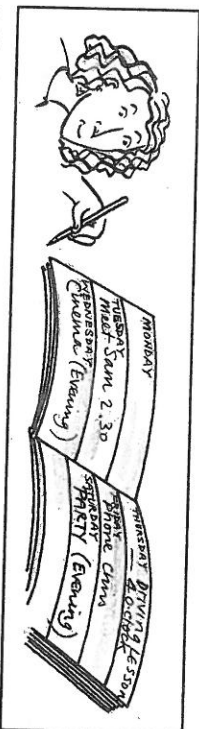
96.2

Write at/on/in.

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| 1 Goodbye! See you on 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 the 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. | |

96.3

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

96.4

Write sentences with in ...

- It's 17.25 now. The train leaves at 17.30.
- It's Monday today. I'll phone you on Thursday.
- Today is 14 June. My exam is on 28 June.
- It's 3 o'clock now. Tom will be here at 3.30.

96.5

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

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|---|---|
| 1 I'm leaving on 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 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 at hour. |
| 6 Laura was born 1975. | 12 I don't often go out night. |

on at by with about (prepositions)

A

on holiday
on television
on the radio
on the phone
on fire
on time (= not late)

- Jane isn't at work this week. She's **on holiday**.
- We watched the news **on television**.
- We listened to the news **on the radio**.
- I spoke to Carol **on the phone** last night.
- The house is **on fire**! Call the fire brigade.
- 'Was the train late?' 'No, it was **on time**.'

B

at (the age of) 21 / at 50 kilometres an hour / at 100 degrees etc.:

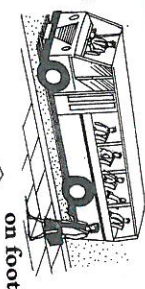
- Lisa got married **at 21**. (or ... **at the age of 21**.)
- The car was travelling **at 50 kilometres an hour** when the accident happened.
- Water boils **at 100 degrees celsius**.

C

by car / by bus / by plane (or by air) / by bike etc.:

- Do you like travelling **by train**?
- Jane usually goes to work **by bike**.
- **but on foot**:
- She goes to work **on foot**. (= she walks)

by bus



a book by ... / a painting by ... / a piece of music by ... etc.:

- Have you read any books **by Charles Dickens**?
- **Who** is that painting **by** Picasso?

by after the passive (⇒ Unit 21):

- I was bitten **by a dog**.



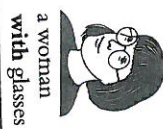
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with/without:

- Did you stay at a hotel **or with friends**?
- Wait for me. Please don't go **without me**.
- Do you like your coffee **with or without milk**?
- I cut the paper **with a pair of scissors**.
- a man **with a beard** / a woman **with glasses etc.**:
- Do you know that man **with the beard**?
- I'd like to have a house **with a big garden**.



a man with a beard



a woman with glasses

E

talk/speak/think/hear/know about ...:

- Some people talk about their work all the time.
- I don't know much about cars.

a book / a question / a programme (etc.) about ...:

Did you see the programme about computers on TV last night?

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by ⇒ **UNIT 21, 62, 102**at/on ⇒ **UNIT 98, 99, 100**preposition + -ing ⇒ **UNIT 105**

EXERCISES

104.1

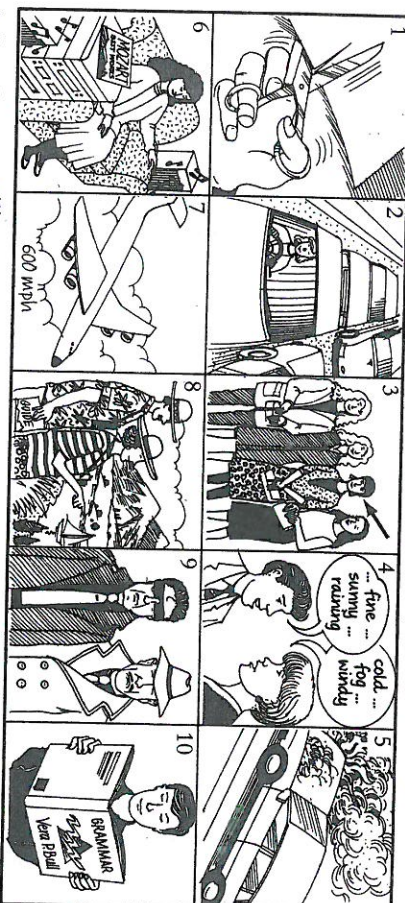
Complete the sentences. Use **on + one** of these:

holiday the phone the radio television time

- 1 We listened to the news **on the radio**.
- 2 Please don't be late. Try to be here
- 3 I won't be here next week. I'm going
- 4 'Did you see Linda?' 'No, but I talked to her
- 5 'What's

104.2

Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with a preposition (at/by etc.).



- 1 I cut the paper **with** a pair of scissors.
- 2 She usually goes to work car.
- 3 Who is the woman short hair?
- 4 They are taking the weather.
- 5 The car is fire.
- 6 She's listening to some music Mozart.
- 7 The plane is flying 600 miles an hour.
- 8 They're holiday.
- 9 Do you know the man sunglasses?
- 10 He's reading a book grammar.

Vera P. Bull.

104.3

Complete the sentences with a preposition (at/by/with etc.).

- 1 In tennis, you hit the ball a racket.
- 2 It's cold today. Don't go out a coat.
- 3 *Hamlet*, *Othello* and *Macbeth* are plays William Shakespeare.
- 4 Do you know anything computers?
- 5 My grandmother died the age of 98.
- 6 How long does it take from New York to Los Angeles plane?
- 7 I didn't go to the football match, but I watched it television.
- 8 My house is the one the red door on the right.
- 9 These trains are very fast. They can travel very high speeds.
- 10 I don't use my car very often. I prefer to go bike.
- 11 Can you give me some information hotels in this town?
- 12 I was arrested two policemen and taken to the police station.
- 13 The buses here are very good. They're nearly always time.
- 14 What would you like to drink your meal?
- 15 We travelled from Paris to Moscow train.
- 16 One of the most famous paintings in the world is the *Mona Lisa* Leonardo da Vinci.

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