

Prepositions of Time

When?

Use

Preposition

A word or group of words, used with a *noun* or *pronoun*, to show location, direction or time

Different prepositions are used with different time periods.

in	<p>Use in with:</p> <p>Months Seasons Years Parts of the day</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>March Winter, summer 1993 the morning the evening</p>	<p>In a sentence:</p> <p>My wedding is in March. I came to London in the Winter. My friend was born in 1994. Meet me in the afternoon.</p>
on	<p>Use on with:</p> <p>Days of the week Part of a specific day Dates Special holidays</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>Wednesday Friday night the tenth of July New Year's Day</p>	<p>In a sentence:</p> <p>See you on Wednesday. The party is on Friday night. The interview is on the tenth of July. He went to the parade on New year's Day.</p>
at	<p>Use at to show:</p> <p>An exact time A mealtime The moment</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>Ten o'clock Lunchtime The moment the week-end night</p>	<p>In a sentence:</p> <p>My appointment is at ten o'clock See you at lunchtime. We are studying at the moment See you at the weekend. I work at night.</p>

These are other prepositions used to describe times

<i>until</i>	Use to show: Up to a time or event	<i>In a sentence:</i> we will be here until midnight	<i>meaning:</i> we won't be there after midnight
<i>before</i>	Use to show: Time preceding an event	<i>In a sentence:</i> we played football before lunch	<i>meaning:</i> we didn't play after lunch
<i>at about</i>	Use to show: Flexibility around a specific time	<i>In a sentence:</i> shall we meet at about 12.30?	<i>meaning:</i> a little after or before 12:30 will be fine
<i>after</i>	Use to show: Time following an event	<i>In a sentence:</i> I will meet you after work	<i>meaning:</i> not before or during work
<i>by</i>	Use to show: A deadline	<i>In a sentence:</i> send me the report by 5:00pm	<i>meaning:</i> you can send the report before 5:00pm, but not after
<i>from</i>	Use to show: The time when an activity starts	<i>In a sentence:</i> Drinks will be served from 5:00pm	<i>meaning:</i> drinks available from 5:00 and for the rest of the evening