

Prepositions of Time

in

in the morning
in the afternoon
in the evening
in January (months)
in the spring (seasons)
in 2019 (years)
in the 1970s (decades)

on

on Saturday morning
on Sunday afternoon
on Monday evening
on January 1
on *holiday**
on the weekend
on the phone

at



Technology isn't
exactly a
preposition of time.

at 7:15 pm
at sunrise
at night
at midnight

* English has exceptions to rules. Sometimes you can say **at Christmas**...

Prepositions of Place

in on at

vehicles:

car, taxi, van, truck, canoe, kayak, helicopter, etc.

vehicles:

bike, motorcycle, bus, boat*, plane, train, etc.

general:

neighborhood, city, state, country

specific:

street, avenue, highway, etc.

most specific:

address (1313 Mocking Bird Ln.)

where:

in/at the front/back (book/line)

where:

on the left/right (**to** the left...)

where:

at the top/bottom (stairs/page)

locations:

lake, river, ocean, etc.

locations:

chair, couch, table, rug, carpet, step, floor, wall, mountain, etc.

locations:

home, work, movies, party, concert, grocery store, the door, the end of the street, etc.

more:

pocket, traffic, sky, etc.

technology:

TV, phone, computer, etc.

* Remember, English has exceptions to rules. A person can be both **on** a boat (large vessel) or **in** a boat (small, no deck). Yes, we get **on** a plane/train, and then we are **in**(side) a plane/train. If you are **at** a movie, then you are **a fan**; however, if you are **in** a movie, then you are **an actor/actress!** **On/in/at** a house can confuse English Language Learners. Thankfully, **on/at** the corner are both acceptable.