

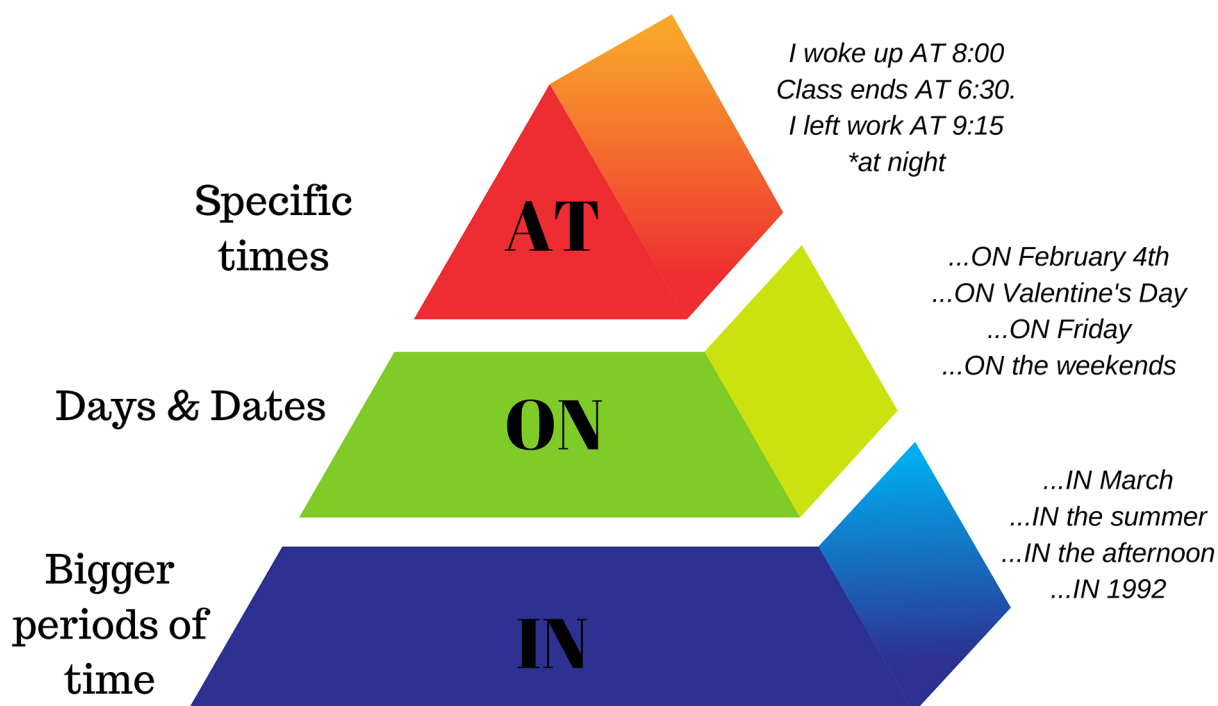
# RESOURCE VIDEO

## IN/AT/ON (PREPOSITIONS OF TIME)

**Pre-test: Answer the following questions using IN, AT or ON.**

1. What time do you usually eat lunch?
2. When is your birthday?
3. When is Christmas?
4. When does it often snow in the U.S.?
5. When does it usually rain in Brazil?
6. When is your next English class? What time?
7. What time of the day do you feel the most awake?
8. When do you usually relax and go to sleep?

IN - general periods of time	ON - days and dates	AT - specific times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The morning, afternoon, evening</li> <li>• The winter, summer, spring, fall</li> <li>• Months and years (January, March, 2015, 1980)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, Tuesday, Fridays, etc.</li> <li>• Holidays (Christmas, Halloween, etc.)</li> <li>• The weekends</li> <li>• February 17th, March 29th, May 3rd</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00, 4:30, 8:45</li> <li>• Noon, midnight</li> <li>* "at night" (exception)</li> </ul>



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### ■ WHEN DO WE USE “IN”?

We use **“IN”** to talk about bigger, more general periods of time.

- months
- seasons (summer, winter, spring, fall)
- years
- decades
- parts of the day (morning, afternoon, evening)
- centuries

#### EXAMPLES USING “IN”

1. We usually go skiing in the winter.
2. Thanksgiving is celebrated in November.
3. My son was born in 2011.
4. I like to take a nap in the afternoon.

### ■ WHEN DO WE USE “ON”?

We use **“ON”** to talk about **days** and **dates**.

- days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.)
- specific dates (January 1st, September 10th...)

#### EXAMPLES USING “ON”

1. My birthday is on February 7th.
2. I have English class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. We celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 14th in the US.
4. I’m going to the doctor on Wednesday.

### ■ WHEN DO WE USE “AT”?

We use **“AT”** to talk about **specific time** or with words that describe a specific time

- 8:00AM, 12:30PM, 10:45, 11:15
- lunchtime, naptime, midnight, noon

#### EXAMPLES USING “AT”

1. The meeting will start at 9:00.
2. Our flight leaves at 9:45.
3. The store opens at 10:00.
4. I left work at 6:30 last night.

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## EXCEPTIONS:

- We use **“IN”** to talk about bigger, more general, periods of the day (in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening) but we use **“AT”** night  
Ex: I read a story to my children at night.
- In American English, we say **on the weekend(s)**, but in British English, we say **at weekend**.

## PRACTICE

### Practice questions:

#### 1. When is your birthday?

##### Possible answers:

My birthday is on February 7th / on January 29th / on June 5th

#### 2. What time did you wake up this morning?

##### Possible answers:

I woke up at 7:30 / at 9:15 / at 6:25.

#### 3. When do you feel the most energetic?

##### Possible answers:

I feel the most energetic in the morning / in the afternoon/ in the evening.

## EXERCISE

### Practice: Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

1. In the U.S., Christmas is \_\_\_\_ the winter. In Brazil, Christmas is \_\_\_\_ the summer.
2. Valentine's Day is \_\_\_\_ February 14th in the U.S.
3. I usually eat dinner \_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm.
4. We have a meeting tomorrow \_\_\_\_ noon.
5. Christopher Columbus discovered America \_\_\_\_ 1492.
6. I feel really tired \_\_\_\_ the afternoon after I eat lunch. However, \_\_\_\_ night, I feel wide awake.
7. Easter is usually \_\_\_\_ April, but sometimes we celebrate it \_\_\_\_ March.
8. \_\_\_\_ the weekends I like to ride my bike in the park.
9. I wake up \_\_\_\_ 6:00 am every day, even \_\_\_\_ Saturdays and Sundays.
10. Mary's wedding is \_\_\_\_ September 19th \_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm

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### POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO THE PRE-TEST:

1. I usually eat lunch at 12:30.
2. My birthday is on February 7th.
3. Christmas is on December 25th.
4. In the U.S., it often snows in the winter (or in December/January/February).
5. In Brazil, it usually rains in the spring (or in March, etc.).
6. My next English class is on Tuesday at 7:30 pm.
7. I feel most awake in the morning.
8. I usually relax and go to sleep at 11:00 pm.

### ANSWERS TO THE PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

1. in, in
2. on
3. at
4. at
5. in
6. in, at
7. in, in
8. on
9. at, on
10. on, at