

# Time prepositions: IN, ON, AT



**IN**

Parts of the day: in the morning, afternoon, evening.

Months: January, February...

Years: 2001, 2002

Seasons: summer, winter, autumn, spring.



**ON**

Days of the week: Monday, Tuesday morning ...

Dates: the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, my birthday, Christmas Day ...



**AT**

Times: three o'clock, midday, midnight.

Special occasions: Christmas, Easter, New Year.

Night; the weekend

## ACTIVITY 1:

Complete the text with the correct time preposition: IN, ON, AT.

My father's name is Jack. He is a maths teacher in an elementary school. <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the mornings he usually gets up <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 6.30. But this is only <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ weekdays, because <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the weekend he gets up later. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays and Thursdays he has lunch in the school <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ 12.30, because he has lessons both <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the morning and <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon. The other days he finishes work <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ midday, so he comes home for lunch. He sometimes corrects exercises <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the evenings after dinner. My father has his summer holiday <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ August. But he also has a two-week holiday <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas, and one week holiday <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Easter. He has a difficult job, but he loves it!



## ACTIVITY 2:

Complete the sentences with the correct time preposition:

**IN**

**ON**

**AT**

1. What do you usually do \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend?
2. My father doesn't work \_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays.
3. The film starts \_\_\_\_\_ 11.00 p.m. and finishes \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ spring, my garden is full of flowers.
5. William Shakespeare was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1564.
6. My mum's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.
7. Our office is closed \_\_\_\_\_ August.
8. There are a lot of stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ night.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day children usually receive a lot of presents.
10. I never go home \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime
11. My best friend always phones me \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday I always have a big party.
13. My family sometimes goes skiing for a week \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
14. I love reading in bed \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday mornings.



### ACTIVITY 3:

A. In pairs write complete questions with the information given:

1. When/have/English lessons? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What time/have lunch? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When/see/friends? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When/have/summer holidays? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What time/ get up/weekend? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When/wear/ heavy clothes? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When/have/a winter holiday? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When/your birthday? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What time/go/bed/weekdays? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When/eat/ice-cream? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Interview a classmate using the questions in the previous exercise. Write the answers in the chart below about you and your classmate.

	YOU	YOUR CLASSMATE
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C. Using the information in activity 3B, write a short text about you and your classmate:

e.g. "Peter and I have English lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. I have lunch at 13.00 but Peter doesn't. He has lunch at 14.00."

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## **ANSWERS:**

### **Activity 1:**

1. IN
2. AT
3. ON
4. AT
5. ON
6. AT
7. IN
8. IN
9. AT
10. IN
11. IN
12. AT
13. AT

### **Activity 2:**

1. AT
2. ON
3. AT - AT
4. IN
5. IN
6. ON
7. IN
8. AT
9. ON
10. AT
11. IN
12. ON
13. AT
14. ON

### **Activity 3:**

#### **Part A:**

1. When do you have your English lessons?
2. What time do you have lunch?
3. When do you see your friends?
4. When do you have your summer holidays?
5. What time do you get up at the weekend?
6. When do you wear heavy clothes?
7. When do you have a winter holiday?
8. When is your birthday?
9. What time do you go to bed on weekdays?
10. When do you eat ice-cream?

#### **Part B and C:**

Students' own answers.