

THE PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

ACTIVITY TYPE

Reading, Writing, Grammar,
Exercises

LANGUAGE FOCUS

The prepositions of time

AIM

To learn and practice the
prepositions of time in English

LEVEL

Beginner, Elementary

TIME

60 minutes

INTRODUCTION

After going through your regular review and teacher talk, tell the students that they're going to learn the prepositions of time in English

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

PROCEDURE

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.
Go through the grammar and exercises together.

WRAPUP

Ask the students if they have any doubts.

Thank them for coming to the lesson.

PREPOSITIONS OF TIME AND DATE

IN / AT / ON

IN

Use 'in' months and years and periods of time:

- in January
- in 1978
- in the twenties

Use 'in' a period of time in the future:

- in a few weeks
- in a couple of days

AT

Use 'at' with precise time:

- at six o'clock
- at 10.30
- at two p.m.

ON

Use 'on' with days of the week:

- on Monday
- on Fridays

Use 'on' with specific calendar days:

- on Christmas day
- on October 22nd

IMPORTANT NOTES

in the morning / afternoon / evening - at night

We say in the morning, afternoon or evening BUT we say 'at night'

PREPOSITION USE - FOR / WHILE / DURING

FOR

Use 'for' with a period of time to express the duration or 'how long' something has happened:

- for three weeks
- for many years

WHILE

Use 'while' plus a verb form:

- while I was watching TV
- while I lived in New York

DURING

Use 'during' with a noun to express 'when' something happens:

- during class
- during my vacation
- during the discussion

EXERCISES

Complete the sentences with the prepositions of time.

1. Mary wore a witch costume _____ Halloween.
2. I have English classes _____ Tuesdays.
3. My dad comes home _____ lunchtime.
4. The children like to go to the park _____ the morning.
5. Henry's birthday is _____ November.
6. Lots of people go shopping _____ Christmastime.
7. Justin Bieber was born _____ March 1, 1994.
8. Leaves turn red, gold and brown _____ Autumn.
9. My friends like to go to the movies _____ Saturdays.
10. The pilgrims arrived in America _____ 1620.
11. My sister likes to watch TV _____ the evening.
12. Mum always reads stories _____ bedtime.
13. I like to watch the parade _____ Independence Day.
14. Hippies protested against the war _____ the 1960s.
15. We finished the marathon _____ the same time.

Write the correct preposition of time.

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| 1. Bob likes to play football _____ the _____ afternoon. | 2. Flowers bloom _____ the _____ spring. | 3. Americans eat turkey _____ Tha _____ nksgiving day. | 4. The stars shine _____ night. |
| 5. The Smiths always travel _____ the _____ summer. | 6. Kids have fun _____ Hallowe _____ en. | 7. The Mall closes _____ midnight. | 8. My neighbours go to church _____ Sund _____ ays. |

Write at, in, on or leave it blank if we do not use a preposition.

1. My cousins went to Australia last _____ July.
2. I like to eat pancakes _____ the morning.
3. Dad is not home _____ the moment.
4. Mammoths lived _____ the Ice Age.
5. My family gets together _____ dinnertime.
6. My brother comes home every _____ Christmas.
7. I take my dog for a walk _____ the morning.

Look at the picture and describe what the man does using the prepositions of time




