

Choose in on or at.

1. I like salt _____ soup, but not too much.
2. John is _____ the hospital.
3. I'm going to my cousin's house _____ Saturday.
4. How much sugar do you put _____ your coffee?
5. We get _____ the bus every morning _____ seven and go to work.
6. The meeting is _____ Tuesday _____ nine _____ the morning.
7. We live _____ a small city _____ the northeastern part of the country.
8. They went fishing _____ the lake.
9. There's a lot of life _____ the bottom of the sea.
10. Where's Joe? Joe's _____ the post office.
11. We are sitting _____ a table _____ some comfortable chairs.
12. We were _____ a boat when we saw some whales.
13. The whales stayed _____ the surface for a while.
14. I heard a song I like _____ the radio.
15. We thought we were going to be late, but we got there just _____ time.
16. We thought we were going to be late, but we got there _____ time.
17. We went for a walk _____ the beach. We decided to go _____ the water.
18. I bought a couple of really good shirts. They were _____ sale at a good price.
19. Do you like whipped cream _____ your coffee?
20. We were sitting _____ the bed talking for a little while.
21. I think you should take an umbrella _____ case it rains.
22. It's not a good idea to stand up _____ a canoe.
23. We bought some books _____ a good price. We put the books _____ a box _____ the shelf.
24. How long have you been working _____ this project?
25. I started working _____ this quiz _____ seven o'clock.
26. I read about it _____ an article _____ the internet.
27. He's been posting messages again _____ ESL/EFL forums _____ the internet.
28. She hasn't spoken to him _____ a few days. She said she'd call _____ a couple days.
29. There have to be other forms of intelligent life _____ other planets _____ the universe.
30. We're going for a ride _____ the country _____ Sunday morning.
31. We'll be back _____ about nine _____ the evening.
32. We're leaving early _____ the morning, and we'll be back late _____ night.
33. I recorded my voice _____ a small cassette player so they could hear it a few times.
34. _____ the winter we have to be careful not to slip _____ the ice and fall _____ the ground.
35. They're sick _____ the head.
36. What do you have _____ your mind? What do you have _____ mind.

Choose **in on** or **at**. Answer Key

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4. How much sugar do you put _____ your coffee? **in**
5. We get _____ the bus every morning _____ seven and go to work. **on at**
6. The meeting is _____ Tuesday _____ nine _____ the morning. **on at in**
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Some Guidelines and Notes for Using In On At

in - Use "in" for spaces with limitations. Use "in" for enclosed areas.

on - Use "on" for surfaces. Use on for spaces within a larger area.

at - Use "at" for locations.

in - Use "in" for enclosed spaces. This applies to both physical space and time.

on - Use "on" for surfaces. This applies to both physical space and time.

at - Use "at" for locations. This applies to both physical space and time.

Use "on" with: street names, days of the week, dates, specific time frames, holidays

Use "in" with: names of cities, towns, states, provinces, countries; years, months, specific weeks, large comfortable chairs

Use "at" with: street names and numbers, specific times, locations that are not in view when speaking, at a table

note: in the house, at home,

note: at Joe's house - Use "at" for locations that are not in view at the time of speaking.

We can say "in bed" even though "bed" is a surface.

We say "on the bed" when bed is used for something other than sleeping.

They're sitting on the bed. - bed - thought of as surface when used as a seat

Hellen is still in bed. - bed - thought of as an enclosed area when used for sleeping

They are sitting at the table.

table - location

They are sitting on the table.

table - surface

A) Complete the exercise with convenient prepositions.

1. Nice meet you.
2. Don't be late school.
3. You are the new student Portugal.
4. Are you a teacher this school?
5. Jessica is vacation. She is Italy now.
6. What is this called English?
7. Look the flowers.
8. Adam's birthday is July.
9. Don't run the classroom.

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

1. Compare your answers your partner.
2. This key holder is very special me.
3. Kittens and mice are the same place.
4. Write me soon.
5. Have you got a piece paper?
6. What's that CD for? It is my exam.
7. I'm tall black hair and brown eyes.
8. We have got a house a big garden.

9. I come a big family.

10. Match the pictures the names.

11. Is your house the country?

12. Guess. What have I got my hand?

13. I have got two pens. What you?

ANSWERS:

A) Fill in the blanks with convenient prepositions.

1. Nice **to** meet you.
2. Don't be late **for/to** school.
3. You are the new student **from** Portugal.
4. Are you a teacher **at/in** this school?
5. She is **on** vacation. She is **in** Italy now.
6. What is this called **in** English?
7. Look **at** the flowers.
8. Adam's birthday is **in** July.
9. Don't run **in** the classroom.

B) Fill in the blanks (2)

1. Compare your answers **with** your partner.
2. This key holder is very special **for** me.
3. Kittens and mice are **in** the same place.
4. Write **to** me soon.
5. Have you got a piece **of** paper?
6. What's that CD for? It is **for** my exams.
7. I'm tall **with** black hair and brown eyes.
8. We have got a house **with** a big garden.
9. I come **from** a big family.
10. Match the pictures **with** the names.
11. Is your house **in** the country?
12. Guess. What have I got **in** my hand?
13. I have got two pens. What **about** you?

Exercise on Prepositions – Place



Complete the exercise according to the picture.

1. _____ the picture, I can see a woman.
2. The woman is sitting _____ a table.
3. She is sitting _____ a chair.
4. There is another chair _____ the woman.
5. Her feet are _____ the table.
6. The woman is holding a cup _____ her hands.
7. _____ the table are a laptop, a paper, a calculator, an appointment calendar, two pens and a muffin.
8. The woman is looking _____ her laptop.
9. The woman's bag is _____ the table.

Exercise on Prepositions – Place



ANSWERS....

1. In the picture, I can see a woman.
2. The woman is sitting at a table.
3. She is sitting on a chair.
4. There is another chair opposite the woman.
5. Her feet are under the table
6. The woman is holding a cup in her hands.
7. On the table are a laptop, a paper, a calculator, an appointment calendar, two pens and a muffin.
8. The woman is looking at her laptop.
9. The woman's bag is under the table.

Exercise on Prepositions – Place



Complete the exercise according to the picture.

1. the picture, I can see Santa Claus and a girl.
2. Santa is sitting a chair.
3. The girl is standing Santa.
4. Santa and the girl are looking each other.
5. The girl has a present her hands.
6. the girl, there is a Christmas tree.
7. There are more presents the tree.
8. Santa's big bag is lying the floor.

Exercise on Prepositions – Place



ANSWERS.....

1. **In** the picture, I can see Santa Claus and a girl.
2. Santa is sitting **on** a chair.
3. The girl is standing next **to** Santa.
4. Santa and the girl are looking **at** each other.
5. The girl has a present **in** her hands.
6. **Behind** the girl, there is a Christmas tree.
7. There are more presents **under** the tree.
8. Santa's big bag is lying **on** the floor.

Exercise on Prepositions – Time

Fill in the correct prepositions.

1. Peter is playing tennis Sunday.
2. My brother's birthday is the 5th of November.
3. My birthday is May.
4. We are going to see my parents the weekend.
5. 1666, a great fire broke out in London.
6. I don't like walking alone in the streets night.
7. What are you doing the afternoon?
8. My friend has been living in Canada two years.
9. I have been waiting for you seven o'clock.
10. I will have finished this essay Friday.

Exercise on Prepositions – Time

ANSWERS.....

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2. My brother's birthday is **on** the 5th of November.
3. My birthday is **in** May.
4. We are going to see my parents **at** the weekend.
5. In 1666, a great fire broke out **in** London.
6. I don't like walking alone in the streets **at** night.
7. What are you doing **in** the afternoon?
8. My friend has been living in Canada **for** two years.
9. I have been waiting for you **since** seven o'clock.
10. I will have finished this essay **by** Friday.

Exercise on Prepositions – Time

Choose the correct prepositions.

- What are you doing____ the weekend?
- I don't know yet. Maybe I'll go to the cinema_____ Saturday.
- That's interesting. I haven't been to the cinema_____ so many years.
- We could go there together_____ the afternoon.
- That would be great. But I would prefer to go there_____ the evening. I am visiting my grandma_____ Saturday.
- That's okay. The film starts_____ eight o'clock.
- I can pick you up_____ half_____ seven. How long does the film last?
- It lasts_____ two hours and forty-five minutes.
- _____Eight_____ a quarter_____ eleven.
- That's right. But I must hurry home_____ the film. I have to be home_____ eleven o'clock.

Exercise on Prepositions – Time

ANSWERS.....

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- It lasts **for** two hours and forty-five minutes.
- **From** eight **till** a quarter **to** eleven.
- That's right. But I must hurry home **after** the film. I have to be home **by** eleven o'clock.