

Time prepositions

On

Use on with days.

I met him on Friday.

My birthday is on May 18th.

We are having a small party on Christmas day.

Use at with clock times and other expressions of time such as noon, night and midnight.

The train departs at 6.30.

We usually have dinner at 9 o'clock.

I will meet you at noon.

Phone me at lunch time.

Use in with other parts of the day and with months, years and seasons.

We usually go out in the evening.

I saw him in the morning.

I was born in May.

Trees shed their leaves in autumn.

Days are short and dark in winter.

I take a nap in the afternoon.

They got married in 1996.

This house was built in 1972.

Other prepositions indicating time

In English, we use several prepositions to show time. The most common among them are: since, for, by, during and within. The sequences from-to and from-until are also used to talk about time.

We have lived in this city since 2007. (We arrived in this city in 2007 and have lived here

ever since.)

She has been gone since Tuesday. (She went on Tuesday and has not returned yet.)

I am going to Vienna for two weeks. (I will spend two weeks there.)

I work from nine to six.

I will be here from three o'clock onwards.

The program lasted from 3 to 6. (Beginning at 3 and ending at 6)

It rained during the night. (For a certain period of time in the night)

We must finish the work within a year. (= No longer than a year)