

Prepositions of time and place: in, on, at

Choosing in, on or at for a time or a place, depending on the exact word that comes after it.

Fill each gap with one of the words below it. Answers and the rule for every sentence are on the next page.

1. The meeting starts _____ half past nine.

a at b since c on d in

2. We usually visit my grandparents _____ the weekend.

a since b at c on d in

3. We're having a barbecue _____ Saturday.

a since b at c on d in

4. Her birthday party is _____ the fourteenth of June.

a at b by c in d on

5. The new school year starts _____ September.

a in b on c at d for

6. My grandparents got married _____ 1965.

a since b in c on d at

7. Turn left _____ the traffic lights.

a on b to c at d in

8. I'll meet you _____ the bus stop after work.

a in b to c on d at

9. She was reading a book _____ the train.

a on b in c by d at

10. Our flat is _____ the third floor.

a at b on c to d in

11. My cousin lives _____ Canada.

a at **b** on **c** in **d** to

12. The keys are _____ my pocket.

a on **b** at **c** to **d** in

Answer key

1. The meeting starts **at** half past nine.
Clock times, like half past nine, always take at.
2. We usually visit my grandparents **at** the weekend.
In British English, we say at the weekend, not on the weekend.
3. We're having a barbecue **on** Saturday.
Days of the week, like Saturday, take on.
4. Her birthday party is **on** the fourteenth of June.
Dates, like the fourteenth of June, take on.
5. The new school year starts **in** September.
Months, like September, always take the word in.
6. My grandparents got married **in** 1965.
Years, like 1965, always take the word in.
7. Turn left **at** the traffic lights.
A fixed point, like the traffic lights, takes at.
8. I'll meet you **at** the bus stop after work.
A fixed point, like the bus stop, takes at.
9. She was reading a book **on** the train.
Trains and buses take on, not in.
10. Our flat is **on** the third floor.
Floors of a building take on, not at.
11. My cousin lives **in** Canada.
Countries, like Canada, always take the word in.
12. The keys are **in** my pocket.
A closed space, like a pocket, takes in.