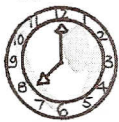


A

at



at

8 o'clock
10.30
midnight *etc.*

- I start work **at 8 o'clock**.
- The shops close **at 5.30**.

on



on

Sunday(s) / Monday(s) *etc.*
25 April / 6 June *etc.*
New Year's Day *etc.*

- Goodbye! See you **on Friday**.
- I don't work **on Sundays**.
- The concert is **on 22 November**.

in



in

April/June *etc.*
1985/1750 *etc.*
summer/spring *etc.*

- I'm going on holiday **in October**.
- Emma left school **in 1993**.
- The garden is lovely **in spring**.

B

We say:

at the weekend
at night
at Christmas / at Easter
at the end of ...
at the moment

- Are you going away **at the weekend**?
- I can't sleep **at night**.
- Where will you be **at Christmas**? (*but on Christmas Day*)
- I'm going on holiday **at the end of** October.
- Are you busy **at the moment**?

C

in the morning / in the afternoon / in the evening

- I always feel good **in the morning**.
- Do you often go out **in the evening**?

but

on Monday morning / on Tuesday afternoon / on Friday evening / on Saturday night *etc.*:

- I'm meeting Jill **on Monday morning**.
- Are you doing anything **on Saturday evening**?

D

We do *not* use **at/on/in** before:

this ... (this morning / this week *etc.*)
last ... (last August / last week *etc.*)
next ... (next Monday / next week *etc.*)
every ... (every day / every week *etc.*)

- Are you going out **this evening**?
- The garden was lovely **last summer**.
- I'm going on holiday **next Monday**.
(*not 'on next Monday'*)

E

in five minutes / in a few days / in six weeks / in two years *etc.*

now



in five minutes

- Hurry! The train leaves **in five minutes**.
(= it leaves five minutes from now)
- Goodbye! I'll see you **in a few days**.
(= a few days from now)