

## Lesson 24: Prepositions of Time

(in, on, at, for, during, before, after)

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How to use the prepositions of time

### Reading (Reading)

<p>I was born <b>in</b> 2000. (I was born in 2000)</p>	<p>We always travel <b>in</b> spring. (We always travel in spring.)</p>
<p>I do not like to get up early <b>in</b> the morning. (I do not like to get up early in the morning.)</p>	<p>Her birthday is <b>in</b> December. (Her birthday is in December.)</p>
<p>I usually go to the gym <b>on</b> Wednesday. (I usually go to the gym on Wednesday.)</p>	<p>Let's meet <b>on</b> Friday. (Let's meet on Friday.)</p>

I usually wake up **at** 6 A.M.  
(Let's meet on Friday.)

We can see stars **at** night.  
(We can see stars at night.)

She studied English **for** 2 hours.  
(She studied English for 2 hours.)

He fell asleep **during** the meeting.  
(He fell asleep during the meeting.)

He waited for her **until** 11 P.M.  
(He waited for her until 11 P.M.)

I usually go to sleep **before** 10 P.M.  
(I usually go to sleep before 10 P.M.)

Let's go to work **after** breakfast.  
(Let's go to work after breakfast.)

I went for dinner **after** the exam.  
(I went for dinner after the exam.)

## Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

- ❖ Prepositions of time are in, on, at, for, during, until, before, after, etc.

Check the table below to learn about the prepositions of time.

Prepositions	Meaning	Explanation
in	in	Years, months, or seasons; with evening, morning, afternoon
on	on	The days of the week; with weekend
at	at	Used to show the exact time; with night
for	for	Used to show an amount of time; duration of years, days, etc.
during	during	At the same time as something else
until	until	Up to (the time that)
before	before	At or during a time earlier than
after	after	Later than something

## Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) I usually have my vacation in April. (I usually have my vacation in April)
  
- 2) I study English on weekends.(I study English on weekends)
  
- 3) I graduated from the university in 1990. (I graduated from the university in 1990)
  
- 4) My sister's birthday is on Monday. (My sister's birthday is on Monday)
  
- 5) I have an appointment on December 25th.  
(I have an appointment on December 25th)
  
- 6) Let's meet them at 5 P.M. (Let's meet them at 5 P.M.)
  
- 7) I don't work at night. (I don't work at night)
  
- 8) He studies English for 3 hours every day. (He studies English for 3 hours every day.)
  
- 9) We were in Rio during the winter vacation.  
(We were in Rio during the winter vacation.)
  
- 10) We played baseball until 7 P.M. (We played baseball until 7 P.M.)

11) Come back here before 8 P.M. (Come back here before 8 P.M.)

12) After lunch, I felt sleepy. (After lunch, I felt sleepy.)

13) His mobile phone rang twice during the meeting.

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## Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words in English.

Amy : When are you going back home? Will you be here \_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve?

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Ian : I am not sure yet. The new project should start \_\_\_\_ January and I have to be back \_\_\_\_\_ it starts.

Ian : I am not sure yet. The new project should start in January and I have to be back before it starts.

Amy : A lot of people asked about you, everyone wants to see you. Let's throw a party \_\_\_\_\_ this week!

Amy : A lot of people asked about you, everyone wants to see you. Let's throw a party during this week!

Ian : Sure! I am busy \_\_\_\_\_ Friday. Let's do it \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.

Ian : Sure! I am busy until Friday. Let's do it on Sunday.

Amy : Sunday sounds good. I will pick you up \_\_\_\_\_ work.

Amy : Sunday sounds good. I will pick you up after work.

Ian : You are working \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend?

Ian : You are working on the weekend?

Amy : Yeah. We are very busy these days. But I will leave earlier.

Amy : Yeah. We are very busy these days. But I will leave earlier.

Ian : Ok. When should I expect you?

Ian : Ok. When should I expect you?

Amy : I will come \_\_\_\_\_ 5 o'clock. Is that OK?

Amy : I will come at 5 o'clock. Is that OK?

Ian : It's fine with me. We should ask the others as well.

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## Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) She studied history after dinner. (useful vocabulary: history = history)
- 2) I graduated from university in 2014. (useful vocabulary: graduate from = graduate from)
- 3) The pool is closed during winter. (useful vocabulary: pool = pool)
- 4) Many shops in this town are not open on Sunday.
- 5) She always wakes up before 5 A.M.
- 6) Please finish the work until 7 P.M.