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Prepositions حروف الجر

At : we use “at” for the time of day.

On : we use “on” for days and dates.

In : we use “in” for longer periods like (months , years , seasons).

At	On	In
at 5 o'clock	on Friday	in October
at 11.11	on 22 September 1999	in 1990 or in the 1990s
at midnight	on my birthday	in the past or in the future
at lunchtime	on Christmas Day	in the Middle Ages
at sunset	on my new day	in (the) winter

For examples :

- They arrived at 9 o'clock.
- They arrived on Friday.
- They arrived in October.

For & Since , During & While & From

***We use “for” + a period of time to say how long something goes on :**

(For a week , for two hours , for ages, for three years).

For examples :

- We watched TV for two hours last night.
- Are you going away for the weekend?
- I had studied English for 6 years.

***We use “since” to express the starting point of an event :**

(since 8 o'clock , since Sunday , since 1999)

For examples :

- We haven't met since last year.
- He had been writing a book since 2020.
- She hasn't eaten since 5 o'clock.

***We use “ during” + noun to say when something happens :**

(during the film , during the night , during our holiday).

For examples :

- I fell asleep during the film.
- We met a lot of people during our holiday.

***We use “while” + subject + verb :**

- I fell asleep while I was watching TV.
- We met a lot of interesting people while we were on holiday.

FROM *

- Used to indicate the original location, situation, etc :
He travelled from Paris to Rome.
- Used in a period of time starting at :
He lived from 1910 to 1970.