



Jane: Jeff and Sue are coming to my party!

Dan: That's great.

Jane: They're coming on Friday. They're arriving at 6.30.

Dan: In the morning?

Jane: No, in the evening.

Dan: When did we last see them?

Jane: Oh, years ago, in 2004 – or was it in 2005? It was in the summer. Don't you remember?



Presentation

- Use *in* with months, years, seasons and times of day: *in February, in 2005, in spring, in the afternoon.*
- Use *on* with days and dates: *on Friday, on 28th November, on my birthday.*
- Use *at* with times: *at 8.30, at midnight.*

TIP Special uses of *at*: *at the weekend, at night.*

Key vocabulary Seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter

Months: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

Dates: Use ordinal numbers (*1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.*) for dates, e.g. 1st January, 3rd March, 25th May

Exercises

1 Write the time expressions in the correct column.

~~New year's day~~ 29th February 1999 half past ten the evenings
the third Friday of the month Sundays August midday summer the middle of winter
night 5 p.m. the 1990s the early morning weekdays the same time the weekend

in	on	at
	New Year's day	

2 Complete the sentences with expressions from exercise 1 and in, on or at.

- 1 My birthday's on 29th February so I only celebrate once every four years!
- 2 I really don't like Britain The days are so short and there's so little light.
- 3 I like to get to bed fairly early. I'm usually in bed on week days.
- 4 I love studying It's so quiet. Everyone else is still in bed and I can really concentrate.
- 5 Most small, local shops are closed all day
- 6 There's a street market in the main square once a month,
- 7 We will be holding our next meeting at the community centre in the morning next week.
- 8 The world wide web was created

3 Match 1–6 to a–f to make sentences.

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| 1 I get up at | <input type="checkbox"/> | a August. |
| 2 I don't like going to the gym in | <input type="checkbox"/> | b the same time every day. |
| 3 Our book club meets on | <input type="checkbox"/> | c 15th July 2005. |
| 4 I have lunch really early. I often eat at | <input type="checkbox"/> | d the evening. It's too busy. |
| 5 I moved to London on | <input type="checkbox"/> | e midday. |
| 6 I always go on holiday in | <input type="checkbox"/> | f the third Friday of every month. |

4 Choose the correct prepositions. Then listen and check.

Conversation 1

- A: When's your birthday?
 B: It's ¹ *in / (on) / at* 15th March.
 A: When were you born?
 B: ² *In / On / At* 1988.
 A: What time were you born?
 B: I'm not sure. ³ *In / On / At* around eleven, I think.
 A: ⁴ *In / On / At* the morning?
 B: No, ⁵ *in / on / at* night.

Conversation 2

- C: When do you usually get up?
 D: ⁶ *In / On / At* weekdays, I get up ⁷ *in / on / at* about seven thirty, but ⁸ *in / on / at* the weekend I get up ⁹ *in / on / at* any time, whenever I wake up, really.
 C: When do you usually go to bed?
 D: It depends. During the week I usually go to bed ¹⁰ *in / on / at* eleven thirty. ¹¹ *In / On / At* the winter I go to bed a bit earlier.

5 Answer the questions with true answers for you.

- 1 When's your birthday?
- 2 When were you born?
- 3 What time were you born?
- 4 When do you usually get up?
- 5 When do you usually go to bed?