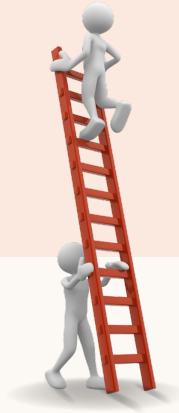


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Student Workbook

Understanding Prepositions: in/on/at

A polished self-study handout designed for print or tablet use. Read the concept, notice the pattern, and then complete the matching practice set on your own.



Grammar Concepts #01	General Rules	Location	Time	Information and Other Uses
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Visual anchor

Use the concept poster to spotlight the main language pattern in **Understanding Prepositions: in/on/at** and keep the explanation visible during practice and discussion.


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Concept #01 ► **Prepositions: in/on/at**

Generally, **at** is for a point, **on** is for something larger, and **in** is for the largest category.

I was **in** New York. 


I was **on** Wall Street.

I was **at** the Empire State Building. 

I was **in** the Empire State Building.

I was **on** the 12th floor.

I was **at** the elevator.

I was busy **in** February. 

I will celebrate my birthday **on** April 2.

I will eat lunch **at** 11:45.

There is much information **in** the book.

There is more information **on** page 32.

The page number is **at** the top of the page.

at on in

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Core Idea

Prepositions are words used to show the relationship of a noun or pronoun to other words in a sentence. They often indicate location, time, or direction. This guide will explain the use of the prepositions in, on, and at, which are commonly used to express these relationships.

General Rules

- in: Used for the largest categories, such as cities, countries, months, and years.
- on: Used for more specific items like streets, surfaces, and dates.
- at: Used for the most specific points, such as exact locations, times, and specific places.

Location

in (Largest Category)

- City/Country:
- Example: "I was in New York."
- Example: "She lives in Japan."
- Building/Enclosed Space:
- Example: "He is in the library."
- Example: "We met in the cafe."

on (More Specific)

- Streets:
- Example: "I was on Wall Street."
- Example: "The store is on Main Street."
- Surfaces:
- Example: "The book is on the table."
- Example: "There is a painting on the wall."
- Floors of a Building:
- Example: "I was on the 12th floor."
- Example: "She works on the second floor."

at (Most Specific)



- Exact Locations:
- Example: "I was at the Empire State Building."
- Example: "We will meet at the entrance."
- Specific Places within a Building:
- Example: "I was at the elevator."
- Example: "He is at the reception desk."

Time

in (Larger Periods)

- Months/Years:
- Example: "I was busy in February."
- Example: "She was born in 1990."
- Seasons:
- Example: "We travel a lot in the summer."
- Example: "The flowers bloom in spring."

on (Specific Days/Dates)

- Days of the Week/Dates:
- Example: "I will celebrate my birthday on April 2."
- Example: "We have a meeting on Monday."
- Specific Days/Events:
- Example: "He arrived on Christmas Day."
- Example: "They left on New Year's Eve."

at (Exact Times)

- Specific Times:
- Example: "I will eat lunch at 11:45."
- Example: "The train arrives at 3:30 PM."
- Holiday Periods/Specific Moments:
- Example: "We opened presents at midnight."
- Example: "She woke up at dawn."

Information and Other Uses

**in**

- Books/Media:
- Example: "There is much information in the book."
- Example: "I read it in the newspaper."

on

- Pages/Sections:
- Example: "There is more information on page 32."
- Example: "I saw it on the website."

at

- Specific Points in a Document:
- Example: "The page number is at the top of the page."
- Example: "Look at the beginning of the chapter."

Additional Examples

in

- "I live in a big house."
- "They are in the car."
- "We will visit them in December."

on

- "She left her keys on the counter."
- "He wrote his name on the board."
- "The concert is on Friday."

at

- "He is at the supermarket."
- "She is waiting at the bus stop."
- "The meeting starts at noon."

Understanding the use of in, on, and at can greatly improve your ability to express locations, times, and other relationships in English. Practice using these prepositions in sentences, and soon it will become natural.



Practice Check

Answer the quiz questions below with responses consistent with the grammar concepts taught on the left.

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Answer: _____

ITEM 02

She lives ___ Japan.

Answer: _____

ITEM 03

The store is ___ Main Street.

Answer: _____

ITEM 04

The book is ___ the table.

Answer: _____

ITEM 05

I was ___ the Empire State Building.

Answer: _____

ITEM 06

She works ___ the second floor.

Answer: _____

ITEM 07

We will meet ___ the entrance.

Answer: _____

ITEM 08

He is ___ the library.

Answer: _____

ITEM 09

I will celebrate my birthday ___ April 2.

Answer: _____

ITEM 10

We have a meeting ___ Monday.

Answer: _____



ITEM 11

I will eat lunch ___ 11:45.

Answer: _____

ITEM 12

She was born ___ 1990.

Answer: _____

ITEM 13

The flowers bloom ___ spring.

Answer: _____

ITEM 14

He arrived ___ Christmas Day.

Answer: _____

ITEM 15

The train arrives ___ 3:30 PM.

Answer: _____

ITEM 16

We opened presents ___ midnight.

Answer: _____

ITEM 17

There is much information ___ the book.

Answer: _____

ITEM 18

I saw it ___ the website.

Answer: _____

ITEM 19

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Answer: _____

ITEM 20

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Answer: _____

ITEM 21

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Answer: _____

ITEM 22

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Answer: _____



ITEM 23

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Answer: _____

ITEM 24

She is waiting ___ the bus stop.

Answer: _____



Self-check Answer Key

Use the key after you have completed every item on your own.

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