



Prepositions of Time and Place — B1 exercises

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 23

A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The meeting is ____ Thursday afternoon.
A) in B) on C) at D) by
2. I always read ____ the evening.
A) on B) at C) by D) in
3. The film starts ____ half past seven.
A) at B) in C) on D) by
4. She was born ____ 1994.
A) on B) in C) at D) since
5. What do most British speakers say?
A) on the weekend B) in the weekend C) by the weekend D) at the weekend
6. We spent the whole afternoon ____ the beach.
A) in B) at C) by D) on
7. He is waiting ____ the bus stop.
A) at B) in C) on D) to
8. There is milk ____ the fridge.
A) on B) at C) by D) in
9. The train arrived exactly ____ time.
A) in B) on C) at D) by
10. We got to the airport just ____ time to check in.
A) on B) at C) in D) by

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. The conference begins _____ Monday morning.
2. I prefer to study _____ the early afternoon.
3. The doors open _____ seven o'clock sharp.

4. My grandmother was born _____ March 1938.
5. Most British people relax _____ the weekend.
6. The children were playing _____ the beach all morning.
7. She is standing _____ the corner of the street.
8. There is nothing _____ the fridge except butter.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. lecture / on / starts / The / Monday. / nine / at

Combine a clock time and a named day.

2. usually / in / evening. / read / I / the

Give a habit with a part of the day.

3. the / was / in / born / spring / 1990. / She / of

Use the preposition for seasons and years.

4. whenever / at / weekend / relax / the / We / possible.

Use the British form.

5. kitchen / keys / the / The / table. / on / are

Place something on a flat surface.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) on** — A named day pulls the preposition to on, even when a part of the day follows it.
2. **D) in** — Parts of the day take in, unless a specific day is named.
3. **A) at** — Clock times take at.
4. **B) in** — Years, months and seasons take in.
5. **D) at the weekend** — British English uses at the weekend; American English prefers on the weekend.
6. **D) on** — On the beach treats it as a surface you are positioned upon.
7. **A) at** — At marks a point or a location seen as a single spot.
8. **D) in** — In is used for enclosed spaces.
9. **B) on** — On time means punctually; in time would mean early enough for something else.
10. **C) in** — In time means with enough time to spare for a purpose.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **on** — A named day takes on, even with a part of the day attached.
2. **in** — Parts of the day take in when no specific day is named.
3. **at** — Clock times always take at.
4. **in** — Months and years take in.
5. **at** — At the weekend is the British form; on the weekend is American.
6. **on** — On treats the beach as a surface rather than an enclosure.
7. **on** — On the corner is the usual phrase for a street position.
8. **in** — Enclosed spaces take in.

C. Sentence building

1. **The lecture starts at nine on Monday.**
2. **I usually read in the evening.**
3. **She was born in the spring of 1990.**
4. **We relax at the weekend whenever possible.**
5. **The keys are on the kitchen table.**