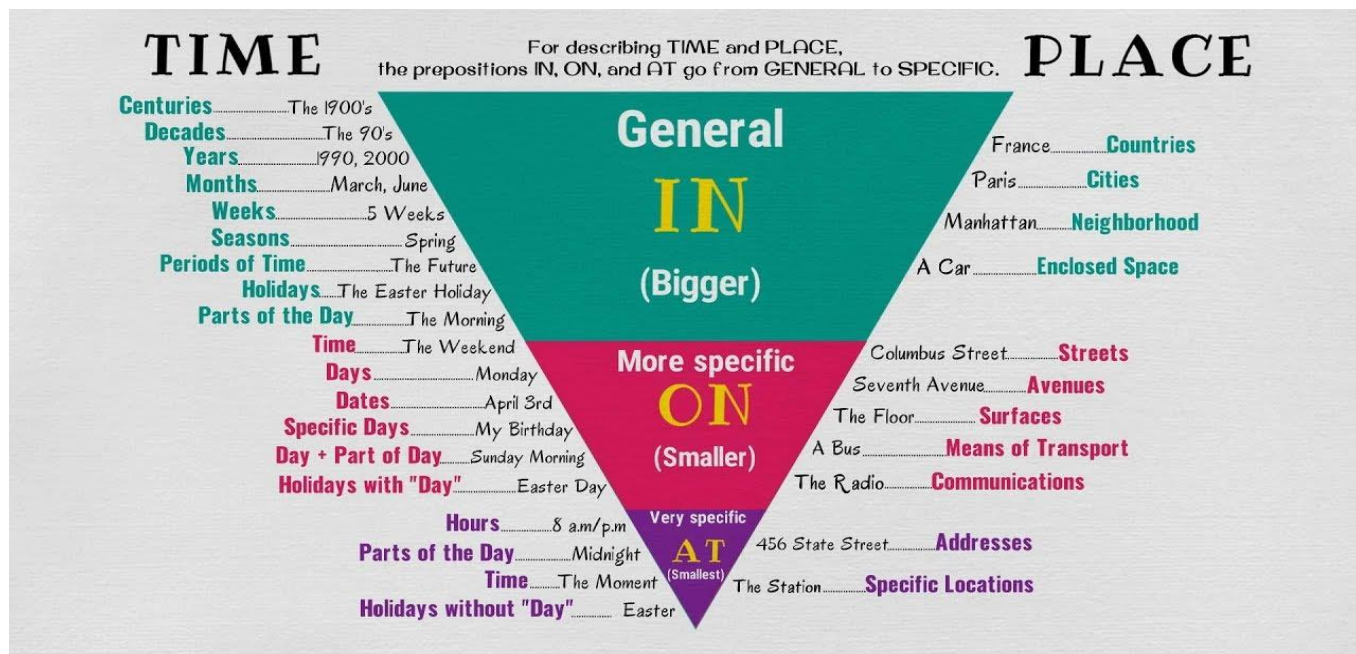


PREPOSITIONS

At, In, On



AT si usa per indicare un luogo preciso nello spazio (*addresses and specific location*)

They live at the end of the street, I met them at the pub in George Street, I live at 24, Walton Crescent, My mother works at Selfridge's (Mia madre lavora da Selfridge), She's at the hairdresser (E' dal parrucchiere)

Si usa anche per indicare un piccolo paese – *I live at Cookham but I live in London*

At si usa nelle espressioni *at school/university/college/ church/hospital/cinema/ post office* quando si ci si riferisce alla funzione svolta nell'edificio e nelle espressioni: *at work, at home, at the bottom of, at the top of*

AT si usa anche per introdurre il complemento di tempo:

- Le ore *They left at 5 o' clock.*
I get up at 7 o'clock and go to bed at midnight
- Le Festività **AT + Holiday Period:** *At Christmas, at Easter, at New Years'Eve, at Thanksgiving*

- Espressioni che indicano momenti precisi della giornata: *at the moment, at present, at dawn, at noon, at sunset, at night, at midday, at the weekend, at breakfast, at lunchtime, at dinner, at the beginning, at the end.*

ON introduce il complemento di stato in luogo quando indichiamo:

- Contatto con una superficie *The book is on the table, the lamp is on the ceiling, the poster is on the wall, What is on the floor?*
- Un'area che si estende lungo una linea *On Oxford Street, On the fifth Avenue, Rimini is on the Eats coast of Italy*
- Vicinanza ad un fiume o lago *My house is on the river*

Si usa inoltre:

- Mezzi di trasporto pubblico *On a bus, on the plane, on the train BUT in the car*
- Mezzi di comunicazione *on the telephone, on the TV, on the radio, on the Internet*
- Pagine di un libro o di una rivista/giornale *What page is the article on? It's on page 35*
- Le seguenti espressioni: *on the right, on the left, on the first/second/third floor, ...On the chair, ...On the horse, on a ship, on the way, on a bicycle*

ON è anche preposizione di tempo e introduce:

- Date, giorni specifici, giorni della settimana e giorni della settimana + morning, afternoon, evening
My birthday is on 16 June, I was at home, on Wednesday afternoon, on a winter evening, on a warm day, on the day we met, on Friday night
- **ON + Holiday day** *On Christmas Eve, on Easter*
- Con le espressioni *on a/the weekend, on time*

IN as a **Time preposition** si usa con:

- Le parti del giorno *We watch tv in the evening, in the afternoon, in the morning*
- Mesi, anni, secoli e lunghi periodi *My birthday is in July, I left school in 1989, My grandfather was born in the 19th century, In the Ice Age, in the seventies*
- Periodi futuri *I'll see you in two days, I'll be there in five minutes*
- Stagioni *In (the) spring, in (the) summer, in (the) autumn/fall, in (the) winter*
- Con le espressioni *in the past, in the future, in the last decades, ecc*

IN as a **PLACE preposition** si usa con:

- Spazi ampi e circoscritti *The dog is in the garden, they keep their car in the garage*
- Nomi di città*, paesi e continenti *He lives in Paris/Egypt/Australia*
- Nomi di catene montuose, isole grandi, deserti, arcipelaghi *He's probably in the mountains now*
- Nomi di strade *My wife works in Oxford street*
- Nomi di giornali, riviste ecc *The article about Biden is in New York Time*
- Con le espressioni *in the middle, in the air, in the sky, in bed, in hospital, in prison in a newspaper, in a picture, in the world*

*si usa AT al posto di IN con nomi di località piccole, o con i nomi di città quando sono una stazione di un viaggio più lungo John has to change at Oxford

Language in in the middle, in the centre
at at the top, at the bottom
on on the left, on the right

Reading 3 Correct this description. There are six mistakes in location.

ON TIME IN TIME JUST IN TIME

ON TIME vs. IN TIME

The meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m.

I arrived **in time** to have some coffee before the meeting started.

The meeting started **on time**.

IN TIME

When you are **in time**, you are early enough to have spare time, usually to be able to do something else.
= before something happens
= before the scheduled time
= with time to spare

ON TIME

When something happens **on time**, it happens at the planned time.
= punctual = on schedule
= at the arranged time
= at the correct time
= neither late nor early

ON TIME vs. IN TIME

The project was due at 10 a.m.

JUST IN TIME

Just in time refers to something happening at the last moment, just before the deadline or just before something was supposed to happen.
= It was almost too late.

✓ We finished the project **just in time**.

✓ I arrived home **just in time** to avoid the heavy rain.

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The opposite of ON TIME is LATE

The opposite of IN TIME is TOO LATE