

in

Time

months	Paris is wonderful in April.
years	I first went to Russia in 2005.
seasons	We often go skiing in winter.
parts of the day	My train leaves in the afternoon.

Helpful hints

We also use **in** in the following phrases:

- in a minute/an hour
- in front of
- in the middle (of)
- in the future

Place

towns and cities	There's a famous castle in Edinburgh.
countries and continents	My brother is in Mexico.
areas and regions	What's life like in the desert?
inside an object	Your passport is in the drawer.
inside a room	I've left the tickets in the living room!
inside a building	Sharon has been in the travel agent's for an hour!



With verbs of motion (come, go, move, run, walk, etc), we usually use **to** instead of **in**, **on** or **at**.
 ✓ Was it hot when you went **to** Japan?

on

Time

days	I got a new car on Saturday.
dates	My birthday is on 19 th March.

Helpful hints

We also use **on** in the following phrases:

- on the beach
- on the left/right
- on my birthday

Place

islands	Last year, we stayed on Mykonos.
pages	There are some useful Italian phrases on page 97.
on top of an object	Did you put your car keys on the kitchen table?
on a surface	There's a timetable on the wall.



• We say **in** the morning/afternoon/evening, but **on** Monday morning/Wednesday evening/etc.
 ✓ We're flying to Washington **in** the morning / **on** Tuesday morning.
 • We don't use a preposition with **tomorrow**, **yesterday**, **tomorrow morning**, **yesterday evening**, etc.
 ✓ We're flying to Washington **tomorrow afternoon**.

at

Time

clock times	There's a bus at ten past three.
holiday periods	What are you doing at Christmas?

Helpful hints

We also use **at** in the following phrases:

- at the moment
- at night
- at the top/bottom
- at the door/window

Place

exact places	What's it like at the North Pole?
addresses	My cousin lives at 132 London Road.
buildings, when we are talking about the activities that happen there	I think John is at the cinema, watching Titanic.
activities	Rania isn't here. She's at a party.



Compare how we use **in** and **at** for places. We use **in** for larger areas that are all around us when we are there. We use **at** for smaller places and points on a journey.
 ✓ We're spending our next holiday **in** the countryside. ✓ Let's meet **at** the train station.

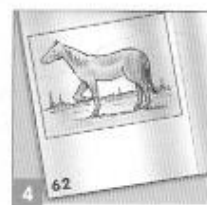
A If the word in bold in each sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is wrong, write the correct word.

- 1 We first visited China **on** 2006.
- 2 My birthday is **at** the second of July.
- 3 Let's meet **on** five o'clock, shall we?
- 4 School starts again **in** September.
- 5 There's a party at Emily's **at** Saturday.
- 6 What do you want to do **on** the morning?
- 7 Let's go and see Grandma **on** Easter.
- 8 Where do you usually go **in** Christmas Day?

B Complete using *on*, *in* or *at*.

- 1 There are lots of people the restaurant.
- 2 The people who live number 44 are away on holiday.
- 3 You should go to the Louvre when you're Paris.
- 4 Gorillas live forests in Africa and eat fruit.
- 5 What does that sign the wall say?
- 6 What did Ethan say his letter?
- 7 Have you heard of the strange statues Easter Island?
- 8 Do you really want to spend the whole day the beach?

C Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



- 1 This photo was taken winter.
- 2 We're a concert.
- 3 She's the sea.
- 4 It's page 62.
- 5 It's the middle.
- 6 He's an island.
- 7 It's the mountain.
- 8 They're a wedding.

D Complete using the words in the box.

at • in • on • to

- 1 My aunt and uncle have decided to move New Zealand.
- 2 Do you want to go the theatre tomorrow?
- 3 We stayed a great hotel in Dubai.
- 4 Wait the end of the street and I'll come and meet you.
- 5 You can come my house for dinner, if you like.
- 6 Connor was walking the corner shop when he realised he'd lost his wallet.
- 7 We drove all night and finally arrived Lisbon at eight o'clock.
- 8 Did you leave your book the teacher's desk, so she can see it?
- 9 Look at those sheep that field over there.
- 10 It takes about six hours to fly Asia from here.

E Circle the correct word.

- 1 I'm meeting Andy **at** / **on** the cinema in an hour.
- 2 Have you seen the new building **at** / **in** front of the school?
- 3 My new job starts **in** / **on** the first day of August.
- 4 We're going to Martin's to see their new baby **in** / **on** Wednesday evening.
- 5 See if there are any tomatoes **at** / **in** the fridge, will you?
- 6 We'll all have computers connected to our brains **at** / **in** the future.
- 7 I don't feel like playing chess **at** / **on** the moment.
- 8 I think there's someone **at** / **in** the door. I'll go and check.

F Write one word in each gap.

Jetlag

When you travel (1) the other side of the world, jetlag is a real problem. You find yourself awake (2) the middle of the night and you feel like going to bed (3) the morning, just when everyone around you is getting up. Jetlag happens when you go (4) a country where the time is very different. For example, you might leave London (5) midday and fly (6) Los Angeles. The flight takes about eleven hours, so when you arrive (7) Los Angeles airport, your body thinks you're there (8) 11 pm. But Los Angeles is eight hours behind London, so you actually get there (9) 3 pm local time. So, (10) midnight Los Angeles time, your body (which still thinks it's (11) London) says it's 8 am. It takes a few days for your body clock to change.