



Prepositions

The preposition shows the relationship between its object (usually a noun or pronoun) and another word in the sentence. Each preposition has many uses that you will learn gradually as your familiarity with English increases. Below is a guideline for using prepositions in expressions of time, place, and position.

► Use the preposition at for:

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| - a specific time of day | at five o'clock |
| - a specific place | at Alumni hall |
| - an address | at 22 Acacia avenue |

► Use the preposition in for:

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| - a month or a year | in Jan.; in 2002 |
| - a time of day (general) | in the morning |
| - a season | in the spring |
| - a city or a country | in London; in Canada |
| - inside of a place | in the house |
| - inside of something | in the garbage pail |

► Use the preposition on for:

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| - a day of the week, or a date | on Monday / on June 1 |
| - a street | on Richmond Street |
| - on top of something | on the desk |

Practice Exercise

Correct the errors in preposition use below.

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6. Edgar Allan Poe has had a big influence in me.
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