



PREPOSITIONS OF TIME

Prepositions of time are grammatical words that allow you to talk about a specific time period, like one of the days of the week, seasons, dates, or hours. Prepositions of the time are easily distinguished as they are always used to talk about time rather than places.

Prepositions of time examples:

- During the pandemic, stores tend to close early at night.
- The world wide web (www.) was invented in 1989.
- We go to the supermarket to buy groceries on Sundays.
- The class ends in an hour and half.
- The Grand Garden opens from 9am to 5pm.
- We waited for you until/till the sun set.

Prepositions of time are great for people who write stories, as they can help their readers know when things are taking place in time. Additionally, they can be used in simple communications, work reports, and other situations.

The table below contains most of the prepositions of time, along with examples for each:

Preposition of time	When to use	Example
On	Days	We play basketball on Sundays.
	Weekends (American English)	What do you do on the weekend?
In	months / seasons / year	I visited London in April, 2004.
	morning / evening / afternoon	I like to have omelets in the morning for breakfast.
	period of time	This is the first trip I have had in three years.
At	Night	Everyone sleeps at night
	Weekend (British English)	What did you do at the weekend?
	Exact or a particular time	There's a meeting at 2.30 this afternoon.
Since	Time in the past until now	I have not gone to the mall since the pandemic started.
For	To show an amount of time	We baked the cake for her birthday
Ago	back in the past	I was in Africa a week ago.
Before	at or during a time earlier	I brush my teeth before bedtime.
From	used to show the time when something starts	The Grand Garden opens from 9am to 5pm.
Until/Till	up to (the time that)	We waited for you until/till the sun set.
by	not later than; at or before	He arrives at work by nine o'clock.