

Prepositions of Time

Free A2-B1 Grammar Worksheet PDF | Britfluency

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Grammar focus

Structure	Use and examples
at + exact time	Use at for exact times and some fixed time expressions. Examples: at 7 o'clock, at lunchtime, at night, at the weekend, at Christmas.
on + day or date	Use on for days and dates. Examples: on Monday, on 12 June, on my birthday, on New Year's Day.
in + longer period	Use in for months, years, seasons, centuries and parts of the day. Examples: in July, in 2026, in winter, in the morning.
for + length of time	Use for to say how long something continues. Examples: for two hours, for three days, for a long time.
since + starting point	Use since to say when something started. Examples: since Monday, since 2020, since I was a child.
before / after / during	Use before and after to order events. Use during to say something happens inside a period. Examples: before work, after lunch, during the lesson.
by / until	By means not later than a time. Until means continuing up to a time. Examples: Please send it by Friday. I worked until 8 p.m.
from...to / from...until	Use these to show the start and end of a period. Examples: from 9 to 5, from Monday until Thursday.

Core idea: use **at** for exact times, **on** for days and dates, and **in** for longer periods. Use **for** for length of time, **since** for a starting point, **by** for a deadline, and **until** for continuing up to a time.

2. Choose the correct form

1. We usually have dinner at / on 7 p.m.
2. Her birthday is in / on 14 May.
3. I often study in / at the evening.
4. The course starts in / on September.
5. We stayed there for / since three nights.
6. She has lived here for / since 2021.
7. Please finish the report by / until Friday.
8. I waited by / until 6 o'clock, but he did not arrive.
9. The shop is open from / since Monday to Saturday.
10. I lost my phone during / for the concert.

3. Match the sentence to the grammar reason. Two reasons are not used.

Sentence	Reason
1. The train leaves at 8.30.	A. Length of time
2. I was born in 1998.	B. Exact time
3. We played tennis on Saturday.	C. Longer period
4. She has worked here since March.	D. Day or date
5. I slept for eight hours.	E. Starting point
6. Send me the form by Monday.	F. Deadline
	G. Movement from one place to another
	H. Person who does an action

4. Correct the mistakes

Correct the mistake in each sentence. More than one correct answer may be possible.

1. I start work on 9 a.m.

2. The meeting is at Monday.

3. She was born on 2001.

4. We have lived here since three years.

5. He waited by midnight.

6. I need the answer until Friday.

7. They travelled during two weeks.

8. I usually relax at the morning.

5. Complete the mini-dialogues

1. A: What time does the film start?

B: It starts _____ 8 p.m.

2. A: When is your appointment?

B: It is _____ Tuesday morning.

3. A: How long did you wait?

B: I waited _____ half an hour.

4. A: When did she move here?

B: She has lived here _____ 2022.

5. A: When do you need the homework?

B: Please send it _____ tomorrow evening.

6. A: Did you speak during the meeting?

B: Yes, I asked a question _____ the meeting.

6. Complete with a time preposition

Use: at, on, in, for, since, during, by, until, from...to.

1. The class starts _____ 6.30.
2. I usually go running _____ the morning.
3. The office is closed _____ Sundays.
4. They stayed in London _____ five days.
5. He has known her _____ university.
6. We must leave _____ 10 o'clock at the latest.
7. She worked _____ midnight.
8. I fell asleep _____ the film.
9. The museum is open _____ 9 a.m. _____ 5 p.m.
10. We often visit my grandparents _____ Christmas.

7. Which meaning is correct?

Sentence	Correct meaning
1. I need it by Friday.	A. Not later than Friday. / B. Continuing until Friday.
2. I worked until Friday.	A. I stopped before Friday. / B. I continued working up to Friday.
3. She has studied English since 2020.	A. 2020 is the starting point. / B. The study lasted two thousand and twenty hours.
4. We stayed for two weeks.	A. Two weeks is the length of time. / B. Two weeks is the starting point.
5. I felt nervous during the interview.	A. Inside the interview period. / B. After the interview finished.
6. The lesson is from 4 to 5.	A. It starts at 4 and ends at 5. / B. It starts after 5.

8. Speaking practice

1. What do you usually do in the morning?
2. What time do you normally start work or study?
3. What do you usually do at the weekend?
4. When is your birthday?
5. How long have you lived in your current home?
6. What is something you have done since the beginning of this year?
7. What is something you need to finish by the end of this week?
8. What do people usually do during a long journey?

9. Write your own sentences

1. Write one sentence with at + exact time.

2. Write one sentence with on + day or date.

3. Write one sentence with in + month, year or part of the day.

4. Write one sentence with for or since.

5. Write one sentence with by, until or during.

10. Vocabulary and time sentence practice

Choose five prompts from the word bank. Write one new sentence for each prompt. Use a correct time preposition.

Word bank: Monday, 8 p.m., summer, 2020, two hours, the lesson, Friday, the weekend

Prompt	Your sentence with a time preposition
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

11. Error-checking challenge

Read the paragraph. Find and correct seven mistakes with prepositions of time.

Last week, I had a very busy schedule. On Monday, I started work in 8 a.m. and stayed in the office since nine hours. I had an important meeting at Tuesday afternoon, so I prepared my notes during two hours before lunch. My manager asked me to send the report until Friday morning. I worked by 7 p.m. on Thursday to finish it. At the weekend, I relaxed and watched a film on the evening.

12. Useful reminders

Do not say	Say	Why?
The lesson starts on 9 a.m.	The lesson starts at 9 a.m.	Use at for exact times.
My birthday is in Monday.	My birthday is on Monday.	Use on for days and dates.
I was born on 1999.	I was born in 1999.	Use in for years and longer periods.
I have lived here since three years.	I have lived here for three years.	Use for with a length of time.
Please finish it until Friday.	Please finish it by Friday.	Use by for a deadline.
I worked by 8 p.m.	I worked until 8 p.m.	Use until for an action that continues up to a time.

Answer Key

Prepositions of Time | A2-B1

2. Choose the correct form

1. at - use at for exact times.
2. on - use on for dates.
3. in - use in the evening.
4. in - use in for months.
5. for - use for with a length of time.
6. since - use since with a starting point.
7. by - use by for a deadline.
8. until - use until for continuing up to a time.
9. from - use from...to for a period with a start and end.
10. during - use during for something inside a period or event.

3. Match the sentence to the grammar reason

1. B - Exact time.
2. C - Longer period.
3. D - Day or date.
4. E - Starting point.
5. A - Length of time.
6. F - Deadline.
- G and H are not used.

4. Correct the mistakes

Teacher note: accept any grammatical correction that preserves the meaning.

1. I start work at 9 a.m.
2. The meeting is on Monday.
3. She was born in 2001.
4. We have lived here for three years.
5. He waited until midnight.
6. I need the answer by Friday.
7. They travelled for two weeks.
8. I usually relax in the morning.

Answer Key continued

Prepositions of Time | A2-B1

5. Complete the mini-dialogues

1. at.
2. on.
3. for.
4. since.
5. by.
6. during.

6. Complete with a time preposition

1. at.
2. in.
3. on.
4. for.
5. since.
6. by.
7. until.
8. during.
9. from / to.
10. at.

7. Which meaning is correct?

1. A - Not later than Friday.
2. B - I continued working up to Friday.
3. A - 2020 is the starting point.
4. A - Two weeks is the length of time.
5. A - Inside the interview period.
6. A - It starts at 4 and ends at 5.

11. Error-checking challenge

Last week, I had a very busy schedule. On Monday, I started work at 8 a.m. and stayed in the office for nine hours. I had an important meeting on Tuesday afternoon, so I prepared my notes for two hours before lunch. My manager asked me to send the report by Friday morning. I worked until 7 p.m. on Thursday to finish it. At the weekend, I relaxed and watched a film in the evening.

Teacher note

For A2-B1 learners, keep the main contrast clear: at for exact times, on for days and dates, and in for longer periods. Then teach for and since separately, because students often confuse duration with starting point. Treat by as a deadline and until as continuation up to a time.