

Welcome to FUMC ESL High Beginning/Low Intermediate Class

Introduce yourself.

Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Name something you have a lot of.

(Teachers, you go first.)

Using AT, ON, IN

We use “at” to talk about a place.



at home



at the store



at school

They are **at** home.
You are **at** school.
She is **at** the store.
He is **at** work.



at work

We also use AT to talk about a point in time.

I arrive **at** 10 AM.
My flight lands **at** 3.
We left **at** 9:15.



We use “in” for something that is inside.



in the box



in the bowl

The cans are **in** the box.
The fish is **in** the bowl.
The worm is **in** the apple.
The men are **in** the pool.



in the apple



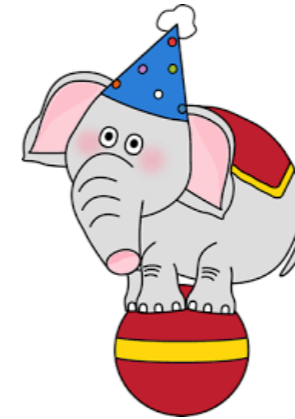
in the pool

We use “on” for something that is at the top.



on the desk

The apple is **on** the desk.



on the ball

The elephant is **on** the ball.

The glasses are **on** the book.

The fruit is **on** the table.



on the book



Talking about WHEN:

We use “**in**” for **morning, afternoon, evening.**

We use “**at**” for **noon** or **night.**

I leave **in** the morning. I like to exercise **in** the afternoon. **In** the evening, we watch TV.

I like to walk **at** night. I eat lunch **at** noon.



We use AT for specific times.

Examples: We leave **at** 3 PM. We eat **at** noon. We go to bed **at** bedtime.

We use IN for long time periods or times that are not specific.

Examples: We lived there **in** the nineties. **In** the future, cars will drive themselves. **In** December, we will celebrate Christmas.

We use ON for days and dates.

Examples: **On** Christmas day, we go to my mother's house.

We have class **on** Thursday. **On** my birthday, my mother bakes a cake for me.

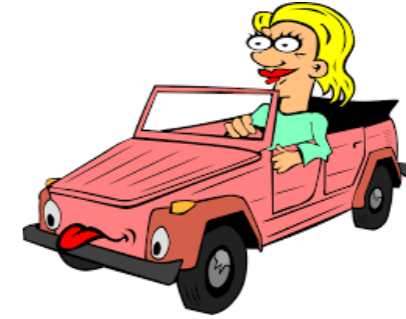
Put IN, AT or ON in these sentences.

1. I went to Germany _____ August.
2. _____ Saturdays, the children watch cartoons.
3. They turn off all the lights _____ night.
4. What do you do _____ New Year's Day?
5. _____ the fall, the leaves turn colors.
6. I have a meeting _____ 8 AM.
7. Please wake me _____ the morning.
8. _____ Monday, I attend English class.
9. It usually snows _____ winter.
10. This class ends _____ noon.

Choose the correct preposition.

1. In/On Thanksgiving, we eat turkey.
2. In/On the daytime, I am not scared.
3. But in/at night I am scared.
4. The bus comes in/at nine o'clock.
5. In/On January, it is cold.
6. In/On the evening, we watch TV.
7. In/On July 3rd, she will be 60 years old.
8. In/On July it is hot here.
9. At/On six o'clock, they will serve dinner.
10. In/At the past, children walked to school.

We get **on** the bus, **on** the plane, but **in** the car.





The train is **on time**.



The apples are **on sale**.

2. The dog is...





3. The monkeys are jumping _____



4. The dog rides _____ the surfboard.

Fill in the blank with at, on or in.

1. Try _____ these shoes. They might fit you.
2. She put her phone _____ her purse.
3. The newspaper is _____ the porch.
4. I live _____ America.
5. He is standing _____ the corner waiting for the bus.
6. Their father sees them _____ weekends.
7. We will pick them up _____ the train station.
8. There is no driving allowed _____ the beach.
9. Wait for me _____ the front of the station.
10. That building is _____ fire!

11. The lesson begins _____ page one.
12. Put the clothes _____ the suitcase.
13. She works _____ her desk all day.
14. The driveway is _____ the left side of the house.
15. The children aren't here. They are _____ school.
16. She wears a gold ring _____ her finger.
17. The children walked home _____ the rain.
18. The boy threw a rock _____ the window.
19. What street is your house _____?
20. I lived in Seattle _____ the nineties.
21. It was the first time I had flown _____ a helicopter.
22. There are five people _____ our family.
23. We relax _____ the evening.
24. The teacher smiled _____ the new girl.
25. Pour the water _____ the plant.

Expressions with AT: Read the sentence and explain the meaning.

1. **At first**, we thought the class was easy.
2. After a long drive, we are **home at last**.
3. We must leave **at once**!
4. We don't have any job openings **at present**.
5. The girl ran up the steps **two at a time**.
6. I'm very busy **at the moment**.
7. The two countries are **at peace** now.
8. My daughter is good **at tennis**.
9. Don't give up. **Keep at it!**
10. She is **mad at** him.
11. The repairs will cost \$50 **at most**.
12. **At one time**, this highway was just a dirt road.

Expressions with ON: Read the sentence and explain the meaning.

1. The woman **has on** shorts and a tank top.
2. **Lean on me** if you need help.
3. I will always be **on your side**.
4. He visits twice a month **on average**.
5. **On the whole**, I like my job.
6. My truck **runs on** diesel fuel.
7. He **tripped on** a branch and broke his toe.
8. She **choked on** some fish bones.
9. My daughter's class went **on a trip** to the zoo.
10. He hit her **on purpose**.
11. We went to New York **on business**.
12. I have a good book **on gardening**.
13. Congratulations **on your graduation**.
14. I heard it **on the radio**.
15. The trains here run **on time**.

Expressions with IN: Read the sentence and explain the meaning.

1. Those shoes are not **in style**.
2. The book is written **in Spanish**.
3. The pain is **in my knee**, doctor.
4. The letter was written **in ink**.
5. Write your name **in capital letters**.
6. I am **in a good mood**.
7. Grandmother is **in poor health**.
8. I love to see a man **in uniform**.
9. The little girl was **in tears** when her balloon burst.
10. I have to **check in** for my flight tomorrow.
11. **In my opinion**, this is a mistake.

Practice your English by answering these questions. Teachers: If the students are having a hard time answering, you answer first to give them an example.

1. What is the first thing you do every morning?
2. What is the last thing you do before bed?
3. What are you good at?
4. What makes you mad?
5. Describe what you have on.
6. Who do you lean on when you need help?
7. How many times do you phone your relatives on average?
8. Name something you have choked on.
9. Do you enjoy going to zoos?
10. Where have you traveled on business?
11. I would like to read a book on...
12. Where do you read news?
13. Do the trains run on time in your country?
14. Name something that is not in style now.
15. What language do you speak in your own home?
16. Have you ever worn a uniform for a job?
17. In my opinion, most people are...
18. Do you always check in before you go to the airport?
19. When are you scared?

Read the story below. Fill in the blanks with ON, IN or AT

Labor Day is a holiday that is always _____ Monday. This year Labor Day is _____ September 5th. Labor Day is the last holiday of summer. Americans usually do things outside _____ Labor Day. Families have picnics _____ the park. They might go to a lake or to a swimming pool. If it's too hot, families might go to a movie or enjoy a day _____ the mall.

_____ Labor Day, I will go to the lake. I will swim _____ the lake. _____ lunch time, I will cook hamburgers _____ our outdoor grill. _____ the afternoon, I will lie _____ my hammock and read a book. I might look _____ the refrigerator for a cold drink. Our friends might ask us to ride _____ their boat. We will ride around and look at the houses _____ on the lakeshore. It will be a relaxing day.

What will you do on Labor Day?