

FUMC ESL. 9-19-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question:
 (Teachers answer first) When I decorate my house, I use a lot of the color _____.

Prepositions of Place: AT, ON and IN:

In general, we use:

- **at** for a POINT
- **in** for an ENCLOSED SPACE
- **on** for a SURFACE

at POINT	in ENCLOSED SPACE	on SURFACE
at the corner	in the garden	on the wall
at the bus stop	in London	on the ceiling
at the door	in France	on the top
at the top of the page	in a box	on the cover
at the end of the road	in my pocket	on the floor
at the entrance	in my wallet	on the carpet
at the crossroads	in a building	on the menu
at the front desk	in a car	on a page

Prepositions of Time - at, in, on AT, ON and IN

We use:

at for a PRECISE TIME

in for MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS

on for DAYS and DATES

at PRECISE TIME	in MONTHS, YEARS, CENTURIES and LONG PERIODS	on DAYS and DATES
at 3 o'clock	in May	on Sunday
at 10.30am	in summer	on Tuesdays

at noon	in the summer	on March 6th
at dinnertime	in 2010	on December 10th, 2010
at bedtime	in the nineties	on Christmas Day
at sunrise	in the next century	on Independence Day
at sunset	in the Ice Age	on my birthday
at the moment	in the past/future	on New Year's Eve

Sometimes prepositions are tricky. For example, we say in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, BUT at night. We say get on the bus, get on the plane, get on the train, BUT get in the car.

Choose the correct preposition:

1. The boys play soccer (at/on) the weekend. NOTE: British English uses a different preposition.
2. (On/At) Christmas day, we open presents.
3. We finished the test (at/on) time.
4. We finished the test (at/on) the same time.
5. He's not home (at/on) present.
6. I have to work (in/on) Sunday.
7. Let's meet (at/on) noon.
8. (In/On) the future, cars will be self-driving.
9. I'm busy (at/in) the moment.
10. The manager will be back (on/in) half an hour.
11. The building is about one block up, (at/on) your left.
12. Mother leans (in/on) me for support.
13. She went to Houston (on/in) business.
14. I don't have but five dollars (in/on) me.
15. I don't have but five dollars (in/on) my purse.

What questions do you have about prepositions?

We use prepositions in many expressions. Read these sentences and explain what they mean.

1. My son competes in ice skating. During his performance I am always **on edge**.
2. The teacher asked me a difficult question. It put me **on the spot**.
3. **In short**, our boss thinks everyone will get a raise.
4. I told you that **in confidence**, Jan. You shouldn't have told anyone else.
5. I gave a donation to the school **in memory of** my mother who was a teacher.
6. I am **in search of** a volunteer who will help teach English to the students.
7. In the U.S., **five in ten** marriages end in divorce.
8. You will have to pay the \$40 charge, **in addition** to tax and shipping.
9. Is he **on drugs**?
10. In the hotel, feather pillows are available **on request**.
11. **Check in with** the supervisor when you arrive.
12. She is **filling in** for the doctor that usually manages the clinic.
13. The crowd **rejoiced at** the news.
14. She is an adequate typist, **at best**.
15. I'm **at a disadvantage** because I'm new to this country.
16. I'm not sure what you're **getting at**.
17. **On second thought**, I will have some ice cream.
18. Her name is **on the tip of my tongue**.

Choose one of the expressions above and try making a sentence with it.

Practice Speaking:

- 1-What situations put you "on edge"?
- 2-Do you have a hard time remembering people's names? Do you have any tricks to help with that? How do you remember new English vocabulary?
- 3-What is something you are "good at"? What are your family members good at?
- 4-Fill in the blank: I am the only member of my family who _____.
- 5-Would you be willing to work really long hours for a lot more money? What do people mean when they use the expression, "work/life balance". What is a good work/life balance for you?
- 6-What is happening in this sentence? "He sat upright in bed when he heard the door to his bedroom open." Have you ever been in your bed with all the lights out and heard a door open or some other suspicious sound? What did you do? OR, What would you do if you heard a noise in your house at night?
- 7- What does this sentence mean? "He was a decent and upright fellow by all accounts." How is the meaning of the word, "upright" different than in the previous sentence?