

# Prepositions in, on and at (place)

In	On	At
<b>Continents and countries</b> in Africa, in Asia, in the UK, in China	<b>Streets, squares, avenues</b> on King Street, on Wenceslas square	<b>Specific locations and places</b> at the library, at the park
<b>Cities</b> in Tbilisi, in Bangkok	<b>Surfaces</b> on the table	<b>Addresses</b> at 15 Newton Rd
<b>Neighbourhoods</b> in Leith, in Brooklyn	<b>Means of public transport</b> on the bus, on a ferry	
<b>Enclosed spaces</b> in my room, in a car	<b>Vehicles that are not enclosed</b> on a bike, on a hoverboard	



We can use both 'in' and 'on' with the word car, so, it's important to remember the difference.


When something is **inside** the car we use 'in'. When something is on the **surface** of the car then we use 'on'.

The presents are on the car.

We're sitting in the car.



# Prepositions in, on and at (time)

In	On	At
<b>Centuries</b> in the 1900s, in the 20th century	<b>Days</b> on Monday, on Wednesday	<b>Specific times of day</b> at 8 am, at noon, at sunset
<b>Decades</b> in the 1960s, in the '90s	<b>Dates</b> on the 3rd of May	<b>Holidays without "day"</b> at Easter, at Christmas
<b>Years and seasons</b> in 2020, in the summer	<b>One-day holidays</b> on Christmas day, on Bastille Day	<p><b>Remember to lock the front door at night.</b></p>  <p><b>I go to work in the morning.</b></p>
<b>Months</b> in May	<b>Specific days</b> on my birthday, on the anniversary of...	
<b>Parts of day</b> in the morning		

**REMEMBER!**

Parts of day are normally preceded by 'in'. We get up **in the morning** and eat dinner **in the evening**. 'Night' does not follow this rule. We say 'I don't like working **at night**'.

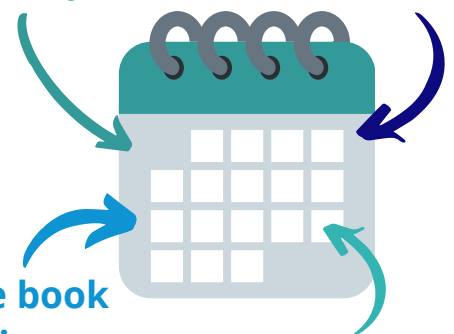
When we use **every, this, last** and **next** before an expression of time, we do not use prepositions.

I go swimming every Monday.

I went camping last June.

I'll finish the book this evening.

Will you come next weekend?



# Prepositions in, on and at (technology)

In	On	At
<b>Types of content</b> in a blog post, in an article, in a video game, in a video, in an advert, in virtual reality	<b>Websites, blogs and search engines</b> on YouTube, on BBC news, on the IE blog, on Google	<b>Email addresses</b> @
<b>Content formats</b> in a digital form, in pdf	<b>Channels (youtube, radio, TV etc.)</b> on the IE channel, on Channel 4	<p>I work remotely. My job is fully remote.</p> <p>I'm on a skype call.</p> <p>I'll be in a zoom meeting later.</p>
<b>Specific programs and apps</b> in Word, in Google docs, in Photoshop	<b>Devices</b> on a kindle, on a laptop, on TV, on the screen, on webcam, on camera	
<b>The Cloud</b> in the cloud	<b>Drives and networks</b> on the C drive, on a hard drive, on the network, on wi-fi, on the server	
<b>Online meetings</b> in a Skype meeting, in a Zoom meeting	<b>Online calls</b> on a Skype call, on a Zoom call	

**REMEMBER!**

The word '**online**' already contains the preposition 'on' within it. This is why we don't use a preposition with the word.

We also don't use prepositions with the words '**remote**' and '**remotely**'.

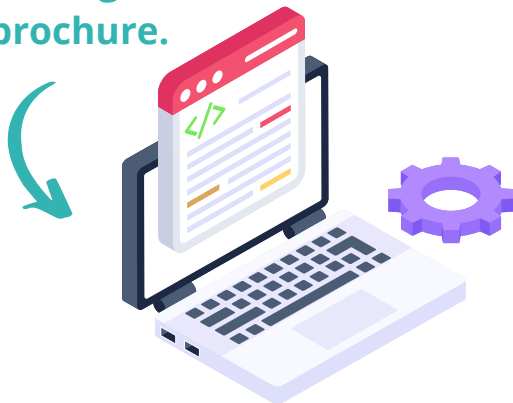


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Special cases

In	On	At
<b>In a physical shop</b> I bought it in Boots. = I went to a physical shop to pick it up.	<b>Buy on a website</b> I bought it on Amazon. = I used an online shop to buy it.	
<b>In the market</b> He's in the market for a new car. = He is looking for a new car.	<b>On the market</b> The phone is now on the market. = The phone can be bought in the shops.	<b>At the market</b> I bought it at the market. = I went to a market.
	<b>On a computer</b> I am working on a computer. = I am working on a device.	<b>At a computer</b> I am at the computer. = I am working at the place where my computer is.
<b>Work in a program</b> I'm working in Krita. = I am using the program Krita to do my job.	<b>On something</b> I'm working on the video series. = My current project is the video series.	

I'm working on the brochure.



I'm at the computer.



I'm on the computer.

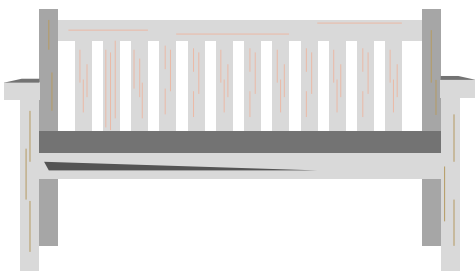
I'm working in Google docs.

# Prepositions in, on, at - Practice

## Practice activity

Take a look at the sentences below and try to complete them using prepositions in, on, at or no preposition.

1. I forgot the book \_\_\_ a bench \_\_\_ the park.
2. I'd like to go to a restaurant \_\_\_ my next birthday.
3. I was born \_\_\_ the 1980s.
4. I'll see you \_\_\_ France \_\_\_ Christmas.
5. I don't like working \_\_\_ night.
6. I read it \_\_\_ a blog post about phrasal verbs.
7. Have you tried searching for it \_\_\_ Netflix?
8. I save all my essays \_\_\_ online as well as \_\_\_ the C drive.
9. I'm sorry I'm \_\_\_ wifi right now. I'll try a wired connection instead.
10. I saw it \_\_\_ an advert \_\_\_ YouTube.



## Answers

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| 1. on, in | 6. in                 |
| 2. on     | 7. on                 |
| 3. in     | 8. no preposition, on |
| 4. in, at | 9. on                 |
| 5. at     | 10. in, on            |