

Prepositions of Time

Language Focus

- We put prepositions before nouns.

Our shop opens	at	eleven o'clock.
	in	the morning.
	on	Sundays.

- We use prepositions of time to tell when things happen.

At	Time	at nine o'clock, at 5:00pm
	Specific periods	at noon, at night
	Festivals	at Chinese New Year, at Easter

In	Parts of a Day	in the morning, in the afternoon
	Months	in July, in October
	Years	in 2020, in 1997
	Seasons	in spring, in summer

On	Dates	on 1 st January, on the first of May
	Days of the week	on Sunday, on Mondays
	Special days	on Valentine's Day, on Halloween

A. Complete the sentences with correct preposition.

- Mom never lets me stay up late _____ Sunday night.
- Grandpa is used to having lunch _____ noon.
- We usually have a picnic _____ autumn.
- We visited Grandpa _____ Christmas last year.
- Summer holiday starts _____ July.
- Mom will call _____ the evening.
- Will I still be alive _____ the 22nd century?
- My grandma died _____ 2000.
- We are going to have a party _____ 29th August.
- Many people go to Lantau Island _____ the weekend.
- Dad and Mom will take the train which departs _____ half past ten.
- Our neighbour sometimes has a party at home _____ Saturday.
- When Dad and Mom are not at home, I always go to bed _____ midnight.

B. Complete the texts with correct prepositions.

- (i) Which day of the week do I like most? It's definitely Saturday. I don't have to get up early (1) _____ Saturday morning and I don't have to go to bed early (2) _____ Saturday night. I can do whatever I like (3) _____ the weekend.
- (ii) (4) _____ the story Cinderella, the girl had to leave before the clock struck (5) _____ midnight. If she failed to do so, her stepmother would know that she hadn't stayed (6) _____ home (7) _____ night.
- (iii) The milkman delivers the milk to us (8) _____ 7 o'clock every morning. I once asked him when he got up and he told me he usually got up (9) _____ half past four (10) _____ the morning. I wonder how it would be if I had to get up so early, especially (11) _____ winter!
- (iv) Grandpa and Grandma moved to live with Uncle George (12) _____ Canada (13) _____ 1995. We visit them every year, sometimes (14) _____ Christmas or sometimes (15) _____ summer. I heard Dad talking on the phone with Grandma (16) _____ Wednesday saying that we might go to visit them (17) _____ October.

C. Complete the sentences below with correct prepositions and fill the blanks in the letter with these sentences.

A. has to leave at 3 o'clock
B. at noon
C. back to Hong Kong at Easter
D. at the weekend

E. in the U.S.A. in September
F. to our party on 23rd August (Tuesday)
G. so busy on Saturday and Sunday
H. preparing the food in the morning

Dear Hilary,

How are you these days? I am writing to invite you (1) _____. In fact, I wanted to hold the party (2) _____ but everyone is (3) _____.

The party will begin (4) _____ but we are thinking of (5) _____, so we can have the best-quality food for the party. I have also invited Jane but she (6) _____. Besides, Jimmy will go to study (7) _____ and this will be the last time that we can see him before he comes (8) _____. So, you must come!

Please reply me as soon as possible.

Love,
Kathy

D. Answer the following questions with correct preposition and the words provided.

Sunday morning	<u>the weekend</u>	15 th January
midnight	10 o'clock	winter
the morning	Christmas	Thursday

e.g. When did John go to bed last night?

He went to bed at 10 o'clock last night.

1. When can you see Santa Claus?

2. When are the cinemas most crowded?

3. When did Cinderella leave the ball?

4. When do people have breakfast?

5. When do animals have a long sleep?

6. When does Jacky have P.E. lesson?

7. When is Mike's birthday?

8. When do people go to Chinese restaurants for breakfast?

