

## Prepositions of time

Prepositions are short words in a sentence that show us the relationships between other words in the sentence. **Prepositions of time**, such as *in*, *on*, *at* and *during*, link words in a sentence and tell us more about *when* the action of the verb happened or will happen.

**Examples:** The summer holidays are in December.

We use the preposition *in* for months and years.

The hockey match is on Saturday morning.

We use the preposition *on* for days and dates.

The sun will set at 6.45 p.m.

We use the preposition *at* for times.

Karl got hurt during the rugby match.

We use the preposition *during* for longer times.

1. Circle the correct preposition of time in each sentence.
  - a) I do my homework (on/during) the afternoon.
  - b) My father finishes work (at/during) 5.30 p.m.
  - c) (At/In) June we experience the shortest day of the year.
  - d) Paul goes to gym (on/during) Mondays and Wednesdays.
  - e) My father was born (in/at) March 1978.
  - f) I will give my mother a card (at/on) Mother's Day.
  - g) Everyone works hard (during/at) the week.
  - h) We get a lot of rain (at/in) this time of the year.

2. Choose the correct preposition of time from the margin to complete each sentence.

- a) The roads are quiet \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.
- b) We wear our best clothes \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.
- c) You should be quiet \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.
- d) She had an accident \_\_\_\_\_ May last year.
- e) The learners concentrated hard \_\_\_\_\_ the test.
- f) The alarm goes off \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.
- g) My birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ September.
- h) Diana's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 1 July.



## Prepositions of position

Prepositions are short words in a sentence that show us the relationships between other words in the sentence. **Prepositions of position** show us *where* something is. Words such as *in*, *on*, *under*, *above*, *next to* and *behind* are examples of prepositions of position.

**Examples:** The ball rolled under the table.

This preposition of position links *the ball* with *the table*.

The clock is above the desk.

This preposition of position links *the clock* with *the desk*.

1. Circle the preposition of position and underline the words that the preposition links.

- The mouse ran under the bed.
- The television is in the lounge.
- Stick the poster on the wall.
- He held the flowers behind his back.
- She put the candles on the cake.
- The bird flew above us.
- She parked the car under the tree.
- Turn left at the corner.



2. Fill the gaps in the sentences with a suitable preposition of position from those in the margin.

- Write these sentences down \_\_\_\_\_ your book.
- I was \_\_\_\_\_ the concert on Friday.
- Place the vase carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- Mrs Jones saw him \_\_\_\_\_ the clinic.
- She stores her shoes \_\_\_\_\_ their boxes.
- The hairdresser stands \_\_\_\_\_ the man to cut his hair.
- Gill and I sit \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
- Thami rests \_\_\_\_\_ her bed.

