

# 21 Prepositions of time (1)

**THEATRE! DANCE! MUSIC! COMEDY!**

**Brighton  
festival**

England's biggest, busiest festival is back – it starts **on** 5 May and continues **until** 27 May.

Events **at** lunchtime **on** most days and **in** the evening every day.

The ticket office is open **from** 10.00 a.m. **to** 6.00 p.m. every day.

## 1 at, in, on

at +	an exact time	<i>The train arrives at 6.00. The film starts at 9.00.</i>
	special days or occasions	<i>Lucy met an old friend at her sister's wedding.</i>
	times of meals and the weekend	<i>The concert is at lunchtime. What are you doing at the weekend?</i>
in +	parts of the day	<i>There are events in the evening every day. It gets cooler in the afternoon.</i>
	months, seasons, years, centuries	<i>The festival is in May. He was born in 1994. They built the castle in the eleventh century.</i>
on +	dates and days	<i>The festival starts on 5 May. My interview is on Thursday afternoon.</i>



We say *at night*, NOT *in the night*.

~~*The supermarket is open in the night.*~~ ✓ *The supermarket is open at night.*

## 2 No preposition

We don't use a preposition with

- *this* (morning, week, etc.):  
*What time did you have breakfast this morning?*
- *last* (month, year, etc.):  
*The new theatre opened last month.*
- *next* (week, year, etc.):  
*My English course starts next week.*
- *every* (day, weekend, etc.):  
*There are special events every day.*



~~*Kevin's exam was on last Tuesday.*~~ ✓ *Kevin's exam was last Tuesday.*

~~*There's a festival here in every February.*~~ ✓ *There's a festival here every February.*

## 3 in, until, from ... to/until

*My birthday is in five days.* (five days from now)

*The festival continues until 12 May.* (it ends on this date)

*The festival lasts from 9 May to/until 12 May.*  
(from the beginning to the end of this time)

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