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**Level: MI Genetics**

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**Objective: By the end of this lesson you will know the different uses of prepositions of time “on” , “at” , “in”**

**Compare**:

* They arrived at 5 o’clock.
* They arrived on Friday.
* They arrived in May.
* They arrived in 2020.

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| **At** | **Time of the day**: at 6:30, at midnight, at lunchtime, at sun set. |
| **On** | **Days:** on Tuesday , on my birthday , on Aid days.**Dates**: on 08 march 2020 , 23 March 2019. |
| **In** | **For longer periods** **Months**: January, February..etc**Season**: Winter, Summer, Autumn ex: it usually snows in winter.**Century**: 19th century , 21st century ex: Newton was born in the 17th century**Year** : in 1968 , 2002 ..etc**Decade** : in 1980s , in 1970s..etc |

**Other use of “** **At”:**

At night ex: I don’t go out **at night** .

At weekends ex : We will be here **at weekends**.

At the same time , at the moment , at Ramadan

**On time / In time**

* **On time = punctual**, not late, if something happens on time , it happens at the time which was planned.

Ex: A: I will meet you at 8:00 .

 B: Ok , but please be on time ( don’t be late be there at 8 :00).

Ex: The conference was very well organized; everything began and finished on time.

* **In time = soon enough** (for something / to do something)

Ex: I will be in time for dinner. (Soon enough for dinner).

Ex: I have sent my friend’s birthday present. I hope it arrives in time.

Ex: I must hurry I want to get home in time , to see the football match on TV.

**At the end / On the end**

* **At the end = at the time when something ends.**

**Ex:** At the end of April, the film, the course**. ..etc**

**Ex:** All the players , shook hands at the end of the match.

* **In the end = finally; the final result of a situation**.

Ex: we had a lot of problems with our care, in the end we sold it and bought another.

Ex: he couldn’t decide where to go for his holidays. He didn’t go anywhere in the end.

Ex: at first we didn’t like each other very much, but in the end we became good friends.

**Task 1: Put in at / on / in:**

* Computers became miniaturized …… the seventies (70s).
* The first atomic explosion took place …..July 16th 1945**.**
* A human embryo is considered to be full term …….. Forty weeks**.**
* Jemmy’s brother is an engineer but he is out of work……..the moment.

**Task :2** Put in **in the end** or **at the end.**

* The students had a party ……………..of the year.
* To my surprise I was offered the job ………….

**Task**3 : Put in **in time** **or** **on time :**

* The bus was late this morning but is usually**……………..**
* I have just washed this shirt. I want to wear it this evening, so I hope it will be dry**……………**
* The film was supposed to start at 8:00.but it didn’t begin……………….