

I. Prepositions of Location: IN, ON, AT, TO

Basic Rules: A) ON a street

B) AT an address

C) IN an area (neighborhood, town, borough, state, country, continent, ocean, the world, the solar system, the universe)

1) ON	
transportation	ON the bus / ON the train / ON the subway / ON a plane / ON a jet / ON a ship / ON a bicycle / ON A motorcycle / ON a surfboard / ON a skateboard
but →	IN a car / IN a taxi / IN a small boat / IN an elevator / IN a helicopter

2) ON	ON an island / ON a college campus / ON a farm / ON earth / ON a planet
2a) ON	
anything flat	ON a plate / ON the wall / ON the floor / ON a shelf / ON the blackboard / ON a plate / ON a desk / On the stove / ON your face / a hat ON your head

3) ON	
anything like a "line"	ON the coast / stand ON line / ON the border, / ON the side / ON a team or committee

4) ON	
forms of communication	ON TV / ON a channel / ON the radio / ON the phone / ON the fax machine / ON the computer / ON a disk / ON a CD / ON a DVD / ON a hard drive / ON a screen /

5) AT	
an intersection (where 2 streets cross)	AT Broadway and 42 nd Street / AT Fifth Avenue and 34 Street
5a) AT (the beach)	AT the beach (the whole place)
5b) but →	lie ON the beach (= ON the sand) / play IN the sand

6)	IN	
	a room or anything smaller	IN the closet / IN a drawer / IN a cup / IN a bowl / IN a glass, /IN your mouth / ideas IN your head / a look IN your eye / a ribbon IN your hair
6a)	but →	IN the water swimming (or drowning) / ON the water boating
6b)	but →	IN a park / IN a yard, / AT a playground

7)	TO	
	when moving from point A TO point B	go TO school / drive TO work/ take a trip TO Boston / take your kids TO school / fly TO London / walk TO the library / bring your dog TO the vet/

II. Prepositions of Time: IN, ON, AT, TO

Basic Rules: A) **AT** a time

B) **ON** a day,

C) **IN** a month (season, year, decade, century)

8)	AT night	
	but →	IN the morning / IN the afternoon, / IN the evening /

9)	Expressions that mean SOMETIMES use different prepositions	from time TO time/ ON occasion/ once IN a while/
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10)	ON a/an + noun	ON a/an + adjective + noun
	morning / afternoon / evening / night /day/	ON a cold morning/ ON a sunny afternoon / ON a rainy evening/ON a Saturday night/ ON a spring day/ ON a special day

11)	ON	ON vacation / ON the weekend / ON a trip / ON a picnic, /ON your break / ON a leave of absence /ON your lunch hour /
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12)	ON	
	time	ON time for an event or an activity: Come to the meeting ON time / Be in class ON time.
12a)	but →	IN time (or <i>too late</i>) TO do something: Get to the station IN time TO catch a train

