Prepositions of time: at, on, in, by, until, since, for

Use the complete time phrase to decide which preposition is needed.

Review **at** for clock times, **on** for days and dates, and **in** for months, years and seasons.

Worked example

The last bus leaves **at** midnight.

Complete each gap with at, on or in.

01. La alarma está programada para sonar a las seis.
The alarm is set to go off _____ six.

02. La alarma está programada para sonar a las siete y media.
The alarm is set to go off _____ half past seven.

03. La alarma está programada para sonar al mediodía.
The alarm is set to go off _____ noon.

04. La alarma está programada para sonar a las ocho y cuarto.
The alarm is set to go off _____ quarter past eight.

05. El barco sale del puerto a las seis.
The boat leaves the harbour _____ six.

06. El barco sale del puerto a las siete y media.
The boat leaves the harbour _____ half past seven.

07. El barco sale del puerto al mediodía.
The boat leaves the harbour _____ noon.

08. El barco sale del puerto a las ocho y cuarto.
The boat leaves the harbour _____ quarter past eight.

09. La panadería saca el pan a las seis.
The bakery takes the bread out of the oven _____ six.

10. La panadería saca el pan a las siete y media.
The bakery takes the bread out of the oven _____ half past seven.

11. La panadería saca el pan al mediodía.
The bakery takes the bread out of the oven _____ noon.

12. La panadería saca el pan a las ocho y cuarto.
The bakery takes the bread out of the oven _____ quarter past eight.

13. El formulario debe llegar el lunes.
The form must arrive _____ Monday.

14. El formulario debe llegar el martes.
The form must arrive _____ Tuesday.

15. El formulario debe llegar el 14 de abril.
The form must arrive _____ 14 April.

16. El formulario debe llegar el 3 de noviembre.
The form must arrive _____ 3 November.

17. La nueva exposición abre el lunes.
The new exhibition opens _____ Monday.

18. La nueva exposición abre el martes.
The new exhibition opens _____ Tuesday.

19. La nueva exposición abre el 14 de abril.
The new exhibition opens _____ 14 April.

20. La nueva exposición abre el 3 de noviembre.
The new exhibition opens _____ 3 November.

At, on and in: mixed contexts

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Pusimos la alarma el lunes.
We set the alarm _____ Monday.

22. Pusimos la alarma el martes.
We set the alarm _____ Tuesday.

23. Pusimos la alarma el 14 de abril.
We set the alarm _____ 14 April.

24. Pusimos la alarma el 3 de noviembre.
We set the alarm _____ 3 November.

25. La ciudad recibió muchos turistas en abril.
The town welcomed many visitors _____ April.

26. La ciudad recibió muchos turistas en septiembre.
The town welcomed many visitors _____ September.

27. La ciudad recibió muchos turistas en 2024.
The town welcomed many visitors _____ 2024.

28. La ciudad recibió muchos turistas en invierno.
The town welcomed many visitors _____ winter.

29. La empresa abrió su primera oficina en abril.
The company opened its first office _____ April.

30. La empresa abrió su primera oficina en septiembre.
The company opened its first office _____ September.

31. La empresa abrió su primera oficina en 2024.
The company opened its first office _____ 2024.

32. La empresa abrió su primera oficina en invierno.
The company opened its first office _____ winter.

33. El lago se estudió en abril.
The lake was surveyed _____ April.

34. El lago se estudió en septiembre.
The lake was surveyed _____ September.

35. El lago se estudió en 2024.
The lake was surveyed _____ 2024.

36. El lago se estudió en invierno.
The lake was surveyed _____ winter.

37. El mercado de flores abre a las seis.
The flower market opens _____ six.

38. El mercado de flores abre a las siete y media.
The flower market opens _____ half past seven.

39. El mercado de flores abre al mediodía.
The flower market opens _____ noon.

40. El mercado de flores abre a las ocho y cuarto.
The flower market opens _____ quarter past eight.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The time preposition that completes the gap is in bold.

01. The alarm is set to go off **at** six.
02. The alarm is set to go off **at** half past seven.
03. The alarm is set to go off **at** noon.
04. The alarm is set to go off **at** quarter past eight.
05. The boat leaves the harbour **at** six.
06. The boat leaves the harbour **at** half past seven.
07. The boat leaves the harbour **at** noon.
08. The boat leaves the harbour **at** quarter past eight.
09. The bakery takes the bread out of the oven **at** six.
10. The bakery takes the bread out of the oven **at** half past seven.
11. The bakery takes the bread out of the oven **at** noon.
12. The bakery takes the bread out of the oven **at** quarter past eight.
13. The form must arrive **on** Monday.
14. The form must arrive **on** Tuesday.
15. The form must arrive **on** 14 April.
16. The form must arrive **on** 3 November.
17. The new exhibition opens **on** Monday.
18. The new exhibition opens **on** Tuesday.
19. The new exhibition opens **on** 14 April.
20. The new exhibition opens **on** 3 November.
21. We set the alarm **on** Monday.
22. We set the alarm **on** Tuesday.
23. We set the alarm **on** 14 April.
24. We set the alarm **on** 3 November.
25. The town welcomed many visitors **in** April.
26. The town welcomed many visitors **in** September.
27. The town welcomed many visitors **in** 2024.
28. The town welcomed many visitors **in** winter.
29. The company opened its first office **in** April.
30. The company opened its first office **in** September.
31. The company opened its first office **in** 2024.
32. The company opened its first office **in** winter.
33. The lake was surveyed **in** April.
34. The lake was surveyed **in** September.
35. The lake was surveyed **in** 2024.
36. The lake was surveyed **in** winter.
37. The flower market opens **at** six.
38. The flower market opens **at** half past seven.
39. The flower market opens **at** noon.
40. The flower market opens **at** quarter past eight.