In, On, At: A Prepositions of Time Chant

Seviye A2–B1 · Dinleme · Konuşma

Warm-up

- When is your birthday?
- What do you do at the weekend?
- Do you say "in Monday" or "on Monday"?

In, On, At

In, on, at – which one is right? — In, on, at – hangisi doğru?
Say it loud and get it right! — Yüksek sesle söyle ve doğru yap!

IN for months and seasons too: — Aylar ve mevsimler için de IN:
In June, in winter, the sky is blue. — Haziranda, kışın, gökyüzü mavi.
IN for years and parts of the day: — Yıllar ve günün bölümleri için IN:
In 2030, in the morning – hey! — 2030'da, sabahleyin – hey!

ON for days and dates, that's true: — Günler ve tarihler için ON, bu doğru:
On Monday, on my birthday too! — Pazartesi günü, doğum günümde de!
On the fifth of May, on Friday night, — Beş Mayıs'ta, cuma akşamı,
ON for days – you've got it right! — Günler için ON – doğru anladın!

AT for clock times, short and neat: — Saatler için AT, kısa ve net:
At six o'clock – it's time to eat! — Saat altıda – yemek vakti!
At noon, at night, at the weekend too, — Öğlende, gece, hafta sonunda da,
At lunchtime – I'll wait for you! — Öğle yemeğinde – seni bekleyeceğim!

In, on, at – now you know, — In, on, at – artık biliyorsun,

Months, days, times – off you go! — Aylar, günler, saatler – haydi bakalım!

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
in June	haziranda	*My cousin's wedding is in June.*
in winter	kışın	*It snows a lot in winter.*
in the morning	sabahleyin	*I go jogging in the morning.*
on Monday	pazartesi günü	*We have a test on Monday.*
on my birthday	doğum günümde	*I got a new bike on my birthday.*
at six o'clock	saat altıda	*The film starts at six o'clock.*
at night	geceleyin	*Owls hunt at night.*
at the weekend	hafta sonunda	*I visit my grandparents at the weekend.*

Reading

Turkish uses endings like -de, -da for time, but English uses three small words: in, on and at. Think of a pyramid: IN is for big periods (years, months, seasons), ON is for days and dates, and AT is for exact times.

(How to play: Make a gesture for each word: arms in a big circle for IN, flat hand on the desk for ON, point one finger at your watch for AT. Clap on each preposition. Then try the chant in three groups – one group for each word.)

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
IN + ay / mevsim / yıl	in April, in summer, in 2025

IN + günün bölümleri	in the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening
ON + gün / tarih / özel gün	on Tuesday, on 23 April, on New Year's Day
AT + saat / kalıplar	at 7:30, at noon, at night, at the weekend (ABD: on the weekend)
Dikkat: gün + bölüm	on Friday night, on Sunday morning (in değil!)
Dikkat: this / next / last ile edat yok	I'll see you next Monday. (on next Monday değil)

Discussion

1. What do you usually do on Saturday morning?
2. What month is your birthday in?
3. What time do you get up on school days?
4. What do you like doing in summer?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Choose the correct preposition: "My birthday is ___ 14 March."

a) in
b) at
c) on
d) by

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. At six o'clock – it's time to _____!

3. We met _____ 2019, _____ a cold day _____ January.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. According to the chant, we use AT for months and seasons. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

5. Match the time expression and the preposition.

1. December ( )
2. Saturday ( )
3. half past nine ( )

a) on
b) at
c) in

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

6. Put the words in order.

of / May, / Friday / On / fifth / night. / on / the

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write about your week. Use in, on and at at least six times.

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Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

8. Sing the chant with a friend. Then ask each other five "When ...?" questions and answer with in, on or at.