

# On a Saturday

## EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Objectives: Learn about prepositions of time and practise listening and reading comprehension.

### Activity 1: Ask and answer the following questions with your partner

- What is your favourite month and why?
- When do you normally go on holiday?
- Where do you like to travel to?
- What time do you normally eat dinner?
- When is the best time of the year to go to the beach?
- What do you like to do at the weekends?

# SATURDAY

### Activity 2: Listen to the song and fill in the gaps with prepositions /verbs in the past tense

HERMAN DUNE, On A Saturday

On a Saturday, we had a date  
 For the best day of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 I said I would meet you by the gate  
 And then I \_\_\_\_\_ you on the cheek  
 We could go for a sunset by the docks  
 Throw stones to the water and watch them  
 sink  
 You asked me for a lighter  
 And I \_\_\_\_\_ you a matchbox  
 And I \_\_\_\_\_ you smoke as the sky turned  
 pink

On a Saturday, on a Saturday, you were all  
 that I could care for  
 On a Saturday, on a Saturday, you were all  
 that I was there for

\_\_\_\_\_ a Saturday there was dust in my  
 eye  
 And you told me you knew how to remove  
 it  
 I said tonight is the night \_\_\_\_\_ you and I  
 And I intend to prove it

If you care for a ride  
 Then I can show you \_\_\_\_\_  
 The city is so pretty \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 fall  
 You said drive me uptown  
 You said drive me \_\_\_\_\_ town  
 It doesn't matter to me at all

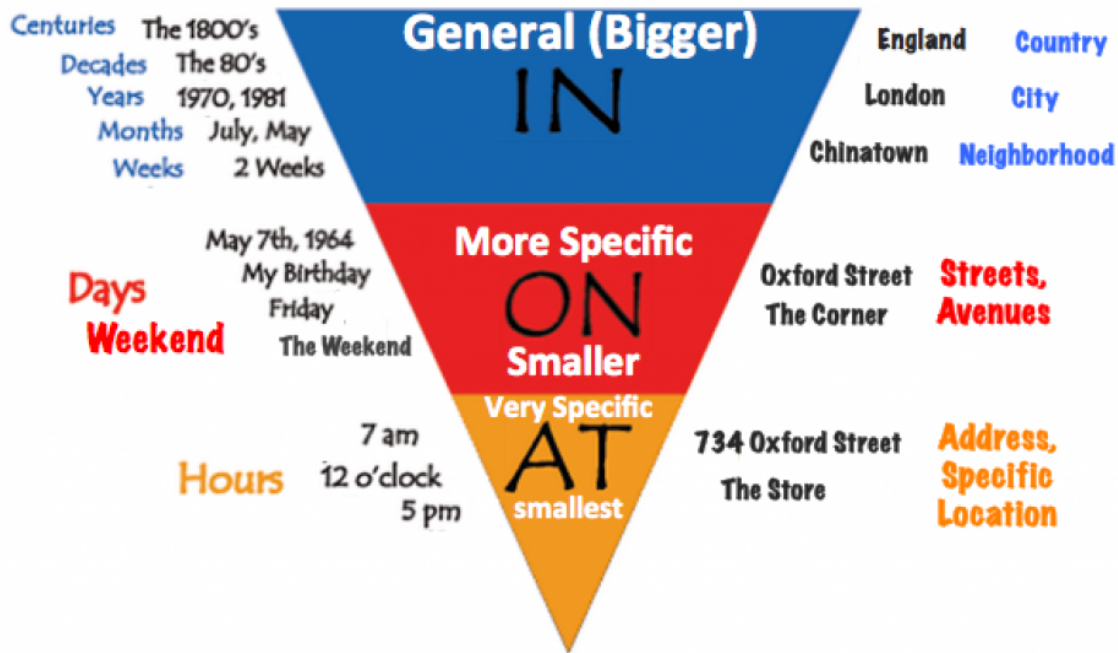
(Chorus)

Ray Charles on the radio  
 Listen to the beat  
 Dancing is automatic  
 You couldn't seat still  
 You were jumping \_\_\_\_\_ your seat  
 And you were looking fantastic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a Saturday nevertheless  
 You told me you could not stand the rain  
 I said, baby I will take you \_\_\_\_\_ Los  
 Angeles  
 \_\_\_\_\_ silver plated plane



**(Just for fun - listen - The Saturdays).**

# Time IN – ON - AT Location



## Activity 3: Let's learn about prepositions of time AT, ON or IN

AT – for times of the day

AT dinner time

AT three o'clock

AT half past nine

AT sunrise

We also use AT for: AT the weekend or AT night

ON – for days and dates

ON the 6<sup>th</sup> of March

ON Wednesday

ON Saturday

ON Easter Sunday

IN – for longer periods of time

IN September

IN December

IN 2001

IN the 1980s

IN the winter

IN the holidays

NO preposition – for some time words

NEXT

LAST

TOMORROW

YESTERDAY

## Activity 4: With your partner complete the sentences below with the right prepositions (do not prepare this at home)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday I went to the beach with a friend

I am going to see Charlie \_\_\_\_\_ two o'clock

This is going to be a big market in Nimes \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend

I like to eat dinner late \_\_\_\_\_ night before I go to bed

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday we might go to the cinema

There is a good performance showing \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday I went to the restaurant with a friend

I like to eat sushi \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays

I was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1980

I am going on holiday \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend

**Activity 5:** With a partners create full sentences to answer the following questions. (Try to use different tenses if you can and do not prepare this at home)



For example: When do eat dinner? I eat dinner in the evenings

Questions:

When did you go to the beach last?

What time does this English lesson start every week?

What month is your birthday?

**Activity 6: TEAM BATTLE**

Split into two groups. One group will give a time and the other group have to select the correct preposition to use with that time and then create a sentence. If the team gets it wrong then the first team gets an extra point.

For example: One team says 'August' and the other team have to shout out 'IN August', 'I go on holiday in August'

**Activity 7: Dialogue.** Your teacher will pick two people to read the dialogue below to the class.

Identify the time prepositions used and then answer the questions

**Alex:** Hi Sophie, I haven't seen you for a long time, when are you free to meet up?

**Sophie:** Hi Alex, I know! It would be great to catch up with you. I am free at the weekends

**Alex:** I normally work at the weekends but I could meet in an evening if you finish early?

**Sophie:** That sounds good. I usually finish each day at five o'clock

**Alex:** That's great, I am free on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at six o'clock if you are?

**Sophie:** I'm not free on that date, but I am free the day after on Wednesday

**Alex:** Perfect, I am free on Wednesday evening at the same time. Where would you like to go?

**Sophie:** I think that small restaurant on the corner of town is lovely

**Alex:** I think we have a plan

**Sophie:** Great, see you on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at six o'clock outside the restaurant

**Alex:** See you then!

**Questions:**

What does 'catch up' with someone mean?

Are the prepositions used in the right places? If not, which one is incorrect?

What is their final plan?

**Activity 8:** Now with your partner try to create a dialogue between two people

You are planning to go on holiday with your family or a friend but you can't decide when or where to go

**Something a little extra**

<http://www.classic-rocks.com/english-grammar/prepositions-of-time.html>

Listen to the rap at home. It will help you practice and remember your prepositions of time

