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Parts of speech

English I

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Preposition

- A preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence.

Preposition of time

We use *in* with parts of the day (not specific times), months, years, and seasons.

- He goes running *in* the evening.
- The weather is warm *in* May.
- She was born *in* 1999.
- It snows *in* the winter.

Preposition of time

We use ***on*** with days.

- I study ***on*** Sundays.
- He goes to the gym ***on*** Wednesdays.

Preposition of time

We use ***at*** with clock times, mealtimes and with the time of day.

- I get up ***at*** 6.30 a.m.
- We will meet ***at*** lunchtime.
- They have lunch ***at*** noon.
- He goes to bed ***at*** midnight.

Preposition of place and location

We use *in* to talk about a place that is inside a bigger space, such as a house, a city or a country.

- They will meet *in* the classroom.
- They live *in* the country.
- I was born *in* Algeria.

Preposition of place and location

We also use *in* with physical locations:

- *in* the world
- *in* water / a pool / the sea / a river
- *in* the mountains / the countryside / the forest
- *in* a car / a taxi

Preposition of place and location

We use ***on*** to talk about the location on a surface.

- The library is ***on*** the third floor.
- The keys are ***on*** the table.
- Your photo is ***on*** the wall.
- Please, put the boxes ***on*** the floor.

Preposition of place and location

We also use ***on*** for some types of public transport.

- My friend is ***on*** the bus right now.
- You can't make phone calls ***on*** a plane.
- They go to the village ***on*** the train.

Preposition of place and location

We use **at** for addresses or exact positions

- They live **at** Hadada Street.
- She is **at** work, but he is **at** home.
- The children are **at** school.
- See you **at** the bus station.
- We met him **at** a party.
- She was sitting **at** the corner, but he was sitting **at** the back of the room.
- They are waiting **at** the entrance.

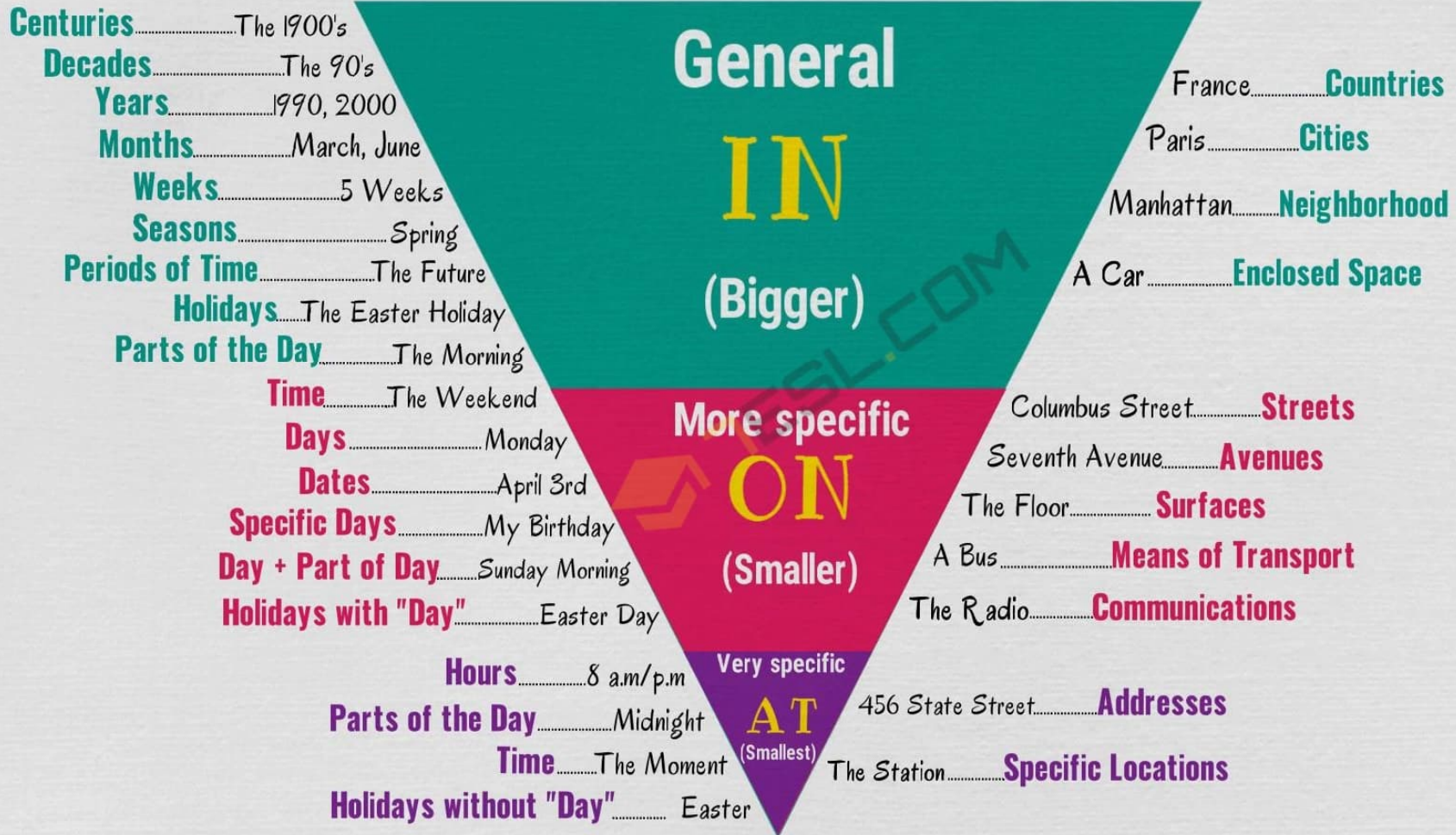
Preposition

- She ran ***across*** the street.
- Walk ***toward*** the bookstore and then turn right.
- Place a check mark ***within*** the box.
- The bus station is ***by*** the grocery store.
- The shopping center is ***near*** her house.
- Park your car ***next to*** the garage.
- There is a red car ***between*** the two trees.
- The store is ***opposite*** the house.

For describing TIME and PLACE,
the prepositions IN, ON, and AT go from GENERAL to SPECIFIC.

TIME

PLACE



Exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions

- My brother's birthday is ___ 5th November. (on/in)
- The boy ___ the store is quite young. (at/on)
- The cat jumped ___ the sofa. (on/in)
- I will have completed my task ___ Friday. (till/by)

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with *at, in, on*

- September
-winter
- the weekend
- Monday
- 11 o'clock
-5th May, 2002
- the end of the week
- my birthday

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