

LESSON PLAN
Intermediate
Prepositions of Time: “In” vs. “At”

REVIEW:

WARM UP:

PRESENTATION:

You may wish to begin this lesson with the following chant, otherwise you can simply introduce the rule:

Teacher/Leader: In, at □

Class/Group: In, at

Teacher/Leader: in - with months and years □

Class/Group: in - with months and years

Teacher/Leader: at - with time □

Class/Group: at - with time

Teacher/Leader: He was born in March. □

Class/Group: He was born in March.

Teacher/Leader: They lived here in 2001. □

Class/Group: They lived here in 2001.

Teacher/Leader: When shall we meet? □

Class/Group: When shall we meet?

Teacher/Leader: Let's meet at two. □

Class/Group: Let's meet at two.

Teacher/Leader: When do they leave? □

Class/Group: When do they leave?

Teacher/Leader: They leave at six. □

Class/Group: They leave at six.

Teacher/Leader: In, at □

Class/Group: In, at

Teacher/Leader: in - with months and years □

Class/Group: in - with months and years

Teacher/Leader: at - with time □

Class/Group: at - with time

CONTROLLED PRACTICE:

You should photo copy the story on the following page before the lesson so that each student has a copy to write on.

Have the students fill out the worksheet either on their own or in small groups, then go over the worksheet with the students. While going over the worksheets take note of any difficult areas – maybe even the use of past tense or the word “home” vs. “house”. Try to cover any difficulties that the students had or plan another lesson based on those problems.

Pair this lesson with other lessons about prepositions of time or place.

Instructions:

Complete the story by writing the words “In” and “At” in the correct blanks.

Sarah went to the store ____ 5:00 yesterday evening to buy food for a special dinner.
Every year ____ May Sarah’s family celebrates the day that they finished building their home. ____ 2003 Sarah’s family decided that they would all work together to build a home, they finished building the home ____ 2005. Now Sarah’s family is preparing the food that Sarah bought yesterday. ____ dawn Sarah’s sister Elizabeth put a huge turkey in the oven, the turkey takes the longest to cook, it will be finished ____ 6:00pm.