

## Activity Type

Matching and speaking activity, group work

## Language Focus

Prepositions of time: in, on, at.

Time expressions

Questions with prepositional time phrases

## Aim

To match time prepositions with time expressions and ask questions with prepositional time phrases.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the game board and time preposition cards for each group of three or four. Cut the cards out as indicated. You will also need to prepare some dice and counters for each group.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this time prepositions board game, students match time prepositions with time expressions and ask questions with prepositional time phrases.

## Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the board game, a set of time preposition cards, a dice and counters.

Ask the students to shuffle the time preposition cards and deal out four each, leaving the rest in a pile on the board.

Explain that the students should always have four cards in their hand.

Students place their counters on the start square.

The students then take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a player lands on a time expression square, they look at the cards in their hand and find a time preposition card that matches with the time on the square, e.g. on Saturday, at Christmas, etc.

If the player has a suitable time preposition card, they lay the card on the table and ask a question to another student using the prepositional time phrase, e.g. 'What do you usually do on Saturday, Tim?'

After the student has replied, the player places their time preposition card at the bottom of the pile and takes another one from the top.

If the player is unable to make a question, they take the card back and go back to their previous square.

If a player does not have a matching time preposition card, they go back to their previous square. The player then exchanges one card by picking up a card from the top of the pile and placing one of their cards at the bottom.

Then, it's the next student's turn to play.

The first student to reach the finish wins the game.

# Time Prepositions Board Game



the evening	October	Monday				
noon		<b>Move ahead 4 spaces</b>	3 o'clock	Christmas Day	April	midnight
an hour						2018
summer		Sunday	the weekend	<b>Miss a turn</b>	5 o'clock	
Monday morning	Valentine's Day		a few days		Saturday night	
2017	the 1st of April		winter		<b>Go forward 2 spaces</b>	
<b>Go back 2 spaces</b>	<b>Finish</b>			lunch time	spring	
autumn				<b>Oh no! Go back</b>		night
Friday				Christmas		January
1999	<b>Miss a turn</b>	the morning	July	my birthday		<b>Start</b>

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in	on	in	on
at	in	on	at
at	in	on	at
in	at	in	in
on	in	in	on
on	in	in	at
at	in	in	in
at	on	on	on