

An activity to revise prepositions of time. Copy one sheet per student.

LANGUAGE

on Monday, in the summer, at the weekend

- 1 Give out the copies and tell SS they've got ten minutes to write the missing prepositions in the preposition column on the right. Stress that they **mustn't** write them in the sentences. Get SS to compare before you check answers.

1 for 2 since 3 during 4 while 5 from, to/until/
till 6 on, at 7 by 8 during, at 9 on 10 in
11 from, to 12 at, until/till 13 At, at 14 in, at
15 In, at 16 in, on 17 in 18 in

- SS may need reminding of some of the more basic rules for prepositions of time. Remind them to use:
 - *on* for specific days and dates.
 - *at* for times of the day and festivals.
 - *in* for parts of the day, months, years, seasons, and decades (exceptions are *at night/the weekend*).
 - *during* to say *in the middle of a period of time*.
 - *for* to say *over the whole period of time*.
 - *since* with a point in time.
 - *while* to say *at the same time as*.
- 2 SS cover the preposition column and test themselves.

1 Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.
Write them in the **PREPOSITION** column.

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| at | by | during | for | from | to |
| in | on | since | until / till | while | |

PREPOSITION

- 1 I haven't seen a good film _____ months. _____
- 2 We've known each other _____ we were children. _____
- 3 A lot of people walked out _____ the film because it was so boring. _____
- 4 I'll start cooking the dinner _____ you go to the supermarket. _____
- 5 He works _____ 8.00 _____ 7.00 . _____
- 6 I was born _____ the 11th June _____ 2.00 in the morning. _____
- 7 You must send in the application form _____ next Friday at the latest. _____
- 8 I don't go out _____ the week, only _____ the weekend. _____
- 9 The trains are terrible these days. They never arrive _____ time. _____
- 10 Our flight was delayed but we still arrived _____ time for dinner. _____
- 11 We see each other _____ time _____ time – about twice a year. _____
- 12 I can't pay you back _____ the moment. I won't have the
the money _____ I get paid. _____
- 13 _____ the beginning of the film I thought I wasn't going to
enjoy it but I cried _____ the end so it must have been good. _____
- 14 I'm never at home _____ the morning or afternoon, I'm only
there _____ night. _____
- 15 _____ winter the weather's usually bad, so all the hotels
close down except for a few days _____ Christmas. _____
- 16 I'm arriving _____ three days' time, _____ Friday. _____
- 17 I couldn't make up my mind but _____ the end I decided not to go. _____
- 18 I always go on holiday _____ August. _____

2 Cover the **PREPOSITION** column. Test yourself.