

PREPOSITIONS

PLACE

TIME

Container (3 dimensions):

My car is in the garage.
I am in the bank opening an account.

Geographical location in general:

I am in college right now. (in the building)
Let's have a picnic in the park. (emphasis on the place)

Streets, areas, cities, countries etc:

in Baker Street
in New York
in England
in Africa

IN

Periods of time: (months, years, seasons, decades, centuries etc)

in January
in the summer
in the morning
in 2017
in the XXth century

Flat Surface (2 dimensions):

The book is on the table.
There is a painting on that wall.
on the top of...
on the left / right

Means of transportation in which we can walk:

on the bus / train / ship / subway / plane etc

ON

Dates:

on April 23

Days of the week:

on Tuesday

Holidays and Events – date:

on Christmas (December 25)
on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday)

Point of reference:

Meet me at the bank to open our account.
I am at college. (I am a college student)
John works at the airport for that big airline.
Let's have a picnic at the park. (emphasis on the event)

AT

Precise time:

at 8 o'clock
at 3:45 p.m. / at 3:45 in the afternoon

Time as a point of reference:

at lunchtime / at dinnertime

Holidays and Events – period, as a point of reference:

at Christmas (the celebration)
at the weekend (as opposed to workdays)