

25.2 Prepositions of place: **at** and **in**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Simon was at the bus stop. 2 We live at 23 Bolton Road. 3 We were at the theatre.
(= . . . watching a play.)
The boys are at the swimming-pool.
(= . . . swimming or watching the swimmers.) 4 We stopped at a village near Coventry. 5 The Jamesons live at Oxford. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Susan was in the garden. 2 We live in Bolton Road. 3 It was dark in the theatre.
(= . . . inside the theatre.)
It was cold in the swimming-pool.
(= . . . in the water.) 4 There were two shops in the village. 5 The Jamesons live in Oxford. 6 They're on holiday in Spain. |
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We use *at* with

- 1 a position
- 2 a house or an address
- 3 a building (e.g. *theatre*), when we are thinking of the activity that takes place there
- 4 a village or town on a journey
- 5 a village or town (but *in* is more usual)

We use *in* (= inside) with

- 1 something big enough to be all around a
- 2 a road or street
- 3 a building or other large space
- 4 a village
- 5 a town or city
- 6 a country

25.3 Prepositions of time: **at**, **on** and **in**

at

at four o'clock
at breakfast
at night
at Christmas
at the weekend
at that time

on

on Friday(s)
on Tuesday morning
on May 21st
on the next day

in

in the morning
in June
in summer
in 1985

No preposition

Is there a meeting this week?
I'll see you next Tuesday.
We went there last year.

In informal American English the preposition is also left out in e.g. *He'll be back Saturday.*

- ▷ 19.9 phrases of time without *the*

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