

## in/on/at (other uses)

## A in

**in the rain / in the sun / in the shade / in the dark / in bad weather** etc.

- ☐ We sat **in the shade**. It was too hot to sit **in the sun**.
- ☐ Don't go out **in the rain**. Wait until it stops.

**in** a language / **in** a currency etc.

- ☐ How do you say 'thank you' **in Russian**?
- ☐ How much is a hundred pounds **in dollars**?

(be/fall) **in love** (with somebody)

- ☐ They're very happy together. They're **in love**.

**in a** (good/bad) **mood**

- ☐ You seem to be **in a bad mood**. What's the matter?

**in** (my) **opinion**

- ☐ **In my opinion** the movie wasn't very good.



**in the shade**

## B on

**on TV / on television**

**on the radio**

**on the phone**

**on fire**

**on purpose** (= intentionally)

**on the whole** (= in general)

- ☐ I didn't see the news **on TV**.
- ☐ I heard the weather forecast **on the radio**.
- ☐ I've never met her, but I've spoken to her **on the phone**.
- ☐ Look! That car is **on fire**.
- ☐ I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. I didn't do it **on purpose**.
- ☐ Sometimes I have problems at work, but **on the whole** I enjoy my job.

## C

**on holiday / on a trip** etc.

(be/go) **on holiday / on vacation**

(be/go) **on a trip / on a tour / on a cruise** etc.

(be/go to a place) **on business**

(be/go) **on strike**

(be/go) **on a diet**

- ☐ I'm going **on holiday** next week.
- ☐ One day I'd like to go **on a world tour**.
- ☐ Emma's away **on business** at the moment.
- ☐ There are no trains today. The drivers are **on strike**.
- ☐ I've put on weight. I'll have to go **on a diet**.

We also say 'go somewhere **for a holiday**':

- ☐ Steve has gone to France **for a holiday**.

## D

**at the age of ...** etc.

**at the age of 16 / at 90 miles an hour / at 100 degrees** etc. :

- ☐ Tracy left school **at 16**. or  
Tracy left school **at the age of 16**.
- ☐ The train was travelling **at 120 miles an hour**.
- ☐ Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.

We are now flying **at a speed** of 800 kilometres an hour and **at an altitude** of 9,000 metres.



## Exercises

127.1 Complete the sentences using **in** + the following:

<b>the mood</b>	<b>cold weather</b>	<b>love</b>	<b>my opinion</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>the rain</b>	<b>kilometres</b>	<b>the shade</b>

- Don't go out in the rain. Wait until it stops.
- Matt likes to keep warm, so he doesn't go out much .....
- The movie was ..... with English subtitles.
- They fell ..... almost immediately and were married in a few weeks.
- I don't feel like going to a party tonight. I'm not .....
- It's too hot here. I'm going to sit ..... under that tree.
- Amanda thought the restaurant was OK, but ..... it wasn't very good.
- Fifty miles? What's that ..... ?

127.2 Complete the sentences using **on** + the following:

<b>business</b>	<b>a cruise</b>	<b>a diet</b>	<b>fire</b>	<b>holiday</b>	<b>her phone</b>
<b>the radio</b>	<b>purpose</b>	<b>strike</b>	<b>TV</b>	<b>a tour</b>	<b>the whole</b>

- I heard the weather forecast on the radio. It's going to get warmer.
- Workers at the company have gone ..... for better pay and conditions.
- Don't go ..... if you don't like being at sea.
- There was panic when people realised that the building was .....
- Soon after we arrived, we were taken ..... of the city.
- Emma has lots of useful apps .....
- I feel lazy this evening. Is there anything worth watching ..... ?
- I'm sorry. It was an accident. I didn't do it .....
- If you are ....., there are certain things you're not allowed to eat.
- We'll be ..... from Friday. We're going to the mountains.
- Jane's job involves a lot of travelling. She often has to go away .....
- Some of the exam questions were hard, but ..... it was OK.

127.3 Complete the sentences with **in**, **on** or **at**.

- Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.
- When I was 14, I went ..... a trip to France organised by my school.
- Julia's grandmother died recently ..... the age of 90.
- Can you turn the light on, please? I don't want to sit ..... the dark.
- We didn't go ..... holiday last year. We stayed at home.
- I hate driving ..... fog. You can't see anything.
- Technology has developed ..... great speed.
- David got married ..... 19, which is rather young to get married.
- I listened to an interesting programme ..... the radio this morning.
- I wouldn't like to go ..... a cruise. I think I'd get bored.
- The earth travels round the sun ..... 107,000 kilometres an hour.
- I shouldn't eat too much. I'm supposed to be ..... a diet.
- A lot of houses were damaged ..... the storm last week.
- I won't be here next week. I'll be ..... holiday.
- I wouldn't like his job. He spends most of his time talking ..... the phone.
- 'Did you enjoy your holiday?' 'Not every minute, but ..... the whole, yes.'
- ..... your opinion, what should I do?
- Ben is a happy sort of person. He always seems to be ..... a good mood.
- I don't think violent films should be shown ..... TV.
- The museum guidebook is available ..... several languages.