



Answers

1. d) at
2. a) in
3. c) on
4. b) at
5. a) at
6. c) in
7. d) on
8. b) on
9. c) at
10. a) on
11. d) on
12. b) on
13. a) in
14. c) at
15. b) on
16. d) in
17. b) at
18. a) on
19. d) at
20. c) in



Explanations

1. “at” (d)

Use 'at' with specific clock times: at 7:30, at noon, at midnight.

2. “in” (a)

'In a moment' means very soon. Don't confuse with 'at the moment' (= right now).

3. “on” (c)

Use 'on' with specific named days and dates: on New Year's Eve, on Christmas Day, on my birthday.

4. “at” (b)

'At school' is a fixed expression meaning attending school as a student. Similarly: at home, at work, at university.

5. “at” (a)

Use 'at' with mealtimes: at breakfast, at lunch, at dinner. These are treated as specific points in time.

6. “in” (c)

'In time' means early enough, before a deadline. 'Just in time' = barely early enough. Different from 'on time' (= punctual).

7. “on” (d)

Use 'on' with large vessels and public transport: on a ship, on a boat, on a plane, on a train.

8. “on” (b)

'On a business trip' is a fixed expression. We also say 'on holiday', 'on a trip', 'on a tour' — 'on' is used for planned activities and journeys.

9. “at” (c)

'At ease' means relaxed, comfortable. It's a fixed expression. The opposite is 'ill at ease' (uncomfortable).

10. “on” (a)

When a part of the day is described with an adjective, use 'on': on a sunny afternoon, on a cold morning. Without the adjective, use 'in': in the afternoon.

11. “on” (d)

Use 'on' with days of the week: on Mondays, on Friday, on Wednesday.

12. “on” (b)

'On holiday' (BrE) / 'on vacation' (AmE) is a fixed expression meaning away on holiday. We also say 'on business', 'on a trip'.

13. “in” (a)

'In the dark' is a fixed expression meaning when there is no light. We also say 'in the light', 'in the shade', 'in the sunshine'.

14. “at” (c)

'At the age of' is a fixed expression: at the age of 16, at the age of 30. We can also say simply 'at 16'.

15. “on” (b)

'On the phone' is a fixed expression meaning having a phone conversation. We also say 'on the internet', 'on the radio'.

16. “in” (d)

'In the middle of' is a fixed expression meaning during or at the centre of: in the middle of the lecture, in the middle of the night, in the middle of the room.

17. “at” (b)

'At night' is the standard expression for nighttime. This is an exception: we say 'in the morning/afternoon/evening' but 'at night'.

18. “on” (a)

'On sale' means available at a discounted price. Different from 'for sale' (= available to buy, not necessarily discounted).

19. “at” (d)

'At Christmas' refers to the Christmas holiday period. Note: 'on Christmas Day' refers to the specific day (25th December), but 'at Christmas' means the general festive period.

20. “in” (c)

Use 'in' for things inside a container or enclosed space: in my pocket, in the bag, in the box.