

# Prepositions

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' \_\_\_\_ Monday.'

' \_\_\_\_ what time were you born?'

' \_\_\_\_ 8.00 \_\_\_\_ the morning.'

b 'I'm meeting Alan \_\_\_\_ this evening.'

'What time?'

' \_\_\_\_ six.'

c 'What did you do \_\_\_\_ the weekend?'

' \_\_\_\_ Friday evening we went to a party. We slept in late \_\_\_\_ Saturday morning, and then \_\_\_\_ the afternoon we went shopping. \_\_\_\_ 7.00 some friends came round for a drink. We didn't do anything \_\_\_\_ Sunday. What about you?'

d The weather in England is unreliable. \_\_\_\_ summer it can be hot, but it often rains \_\_\_\_ April and June. \_\_\_\_ last year the summer was awful. The best English weather is \_\_\_\_ spring and autumn.

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