

**A** Read sentences 1–8 and match the words in *italics* with their meanings a–l.

1 On *New Year's Eve* at *midnight*, the clock strikes twelve and everyone cheers and kisses each other.

2 It's the 18th today and I'm going away for *a fortnight*, so I'll see you in November!

3 Jamie's birthday is on 29th February, so he really only has a birthday in *a leap year*.

4 Did you know that the tradition of Guy Fawkes' night began in the 17th *century*? It was in 1605 that he tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

5 At the moment, the contest is an *annual* event, but it's so popular that they're thinking of making it a *monthly* competition.

6 *A decade* ago it was never this warm in *winter*. That's global warming for you!

7 I've had a look in my *diary* and I'm free on Monday afternoon. Do you fancy meeting then?

8 I was born at *midday*. My mum always tells people I arrived just *in time for* lunch.

- a a hundred years
- b the season when the weather is coldest
- c the last day of the year
- d 12 o'clock in the middle of the day
- e two weeks
- f happening every month
- g 12 o'clock at night
- h early enough for
- i happening every year
- j ten years
- k a book with dates, in which you write down your future arrangements
- l a year that happens every four years and has an extra day

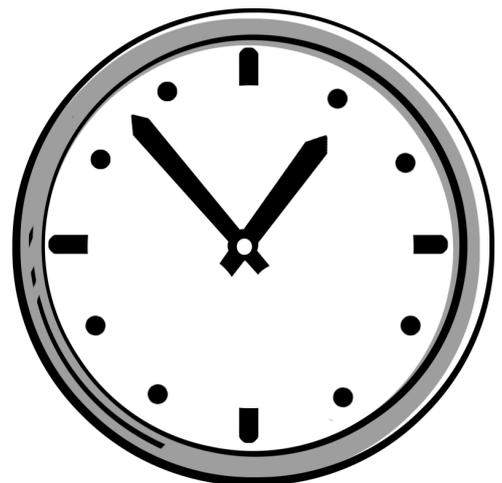
**B** Look at the sentences in A and decide which preposition *in*, *on*, *at*, or *for* we use before the following expressions.

- 1 a period of time 2 a time of the day 3 a date 4 a season 5 a special day  
6 a month 7 a century 8 a day of the week 9 a year

**C** Complete the questions with the correct preposition *in*, *on*, *at*, or *for*.

- 1 Do you feel happier \_\_\_\_\_ summer or \_\_\_\_\_ winter?
- 2 How do you think life will be different \_\_\_\_\_ 2050?
- 3 When was the last time you went away \_\_\_\_\_ a fortnight?
- 4 What do you think it was like to live \_\_\_\_\_ the 19th century?
- 5 What did you do \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve last year?
- 6 How do you usually feel \_\_\_\_\_ Monday morning?
- 7 How often do you go to bed \_\_\_\_\_ midnight?
- 8 Are there any birthdays in your family \_\_\_\_\_ May?
- 9 Do you ever play jokes on people \_\_\_\_\_ 1st April?

**D** Ask your partner the questions from C. Give as much detail as possible and make a note of his / her answers to remind you what they say!



## 7E Time flies ...!

**Aims** To review and extend the time vocabulary from Lesson E. To practise prepositions of time.

**Time** 20 minutes

**Materials** 1 handout for each student

- Give each student a copy of the handout and focus on the title, eliciting the meaning. Get students to do task A by matching the words in italics with the correct definitions.

### ANSWER KEY

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| 1 c and g | 5 i and f |
| 2 e       | 6 j and b |
| 3 l       | 7 k       |
| 4 a       | 8 d and h |

- In task B, students refer back to A, to determine which prepositions are used in each case. When checking answers, ask students to give the examples from task A.

### ANSWER KEY (EXAMPLES FROM TASK A)

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| 1 for (a fortnight)   | 6 in (November)         |
| 2 at (midnight)       | 7 in (the 17th century) |
| 3 on (29th February)  | 8 on (Monday)           |
| 4 in (winter)         | 9 in (1605)             |
| 5 on (New Year's Eve) |                         |

- Get students to do task C. Check answers, getting students to explain why they have chosen each preposition.

### ANSWER KEY

- 1 in, in 2 in 3 for 4 in 5 on 6 on 7 at  
8 in 9 on

- In task D, working in pairs, students ask and answer the questions.