



learn the 3 basic TIME PREPOSITIONS

IN, ON, AT

WITH A MEMORY TRICK

Quiz!

_____ weekends, when I have more spare time, I like to play with my cat.

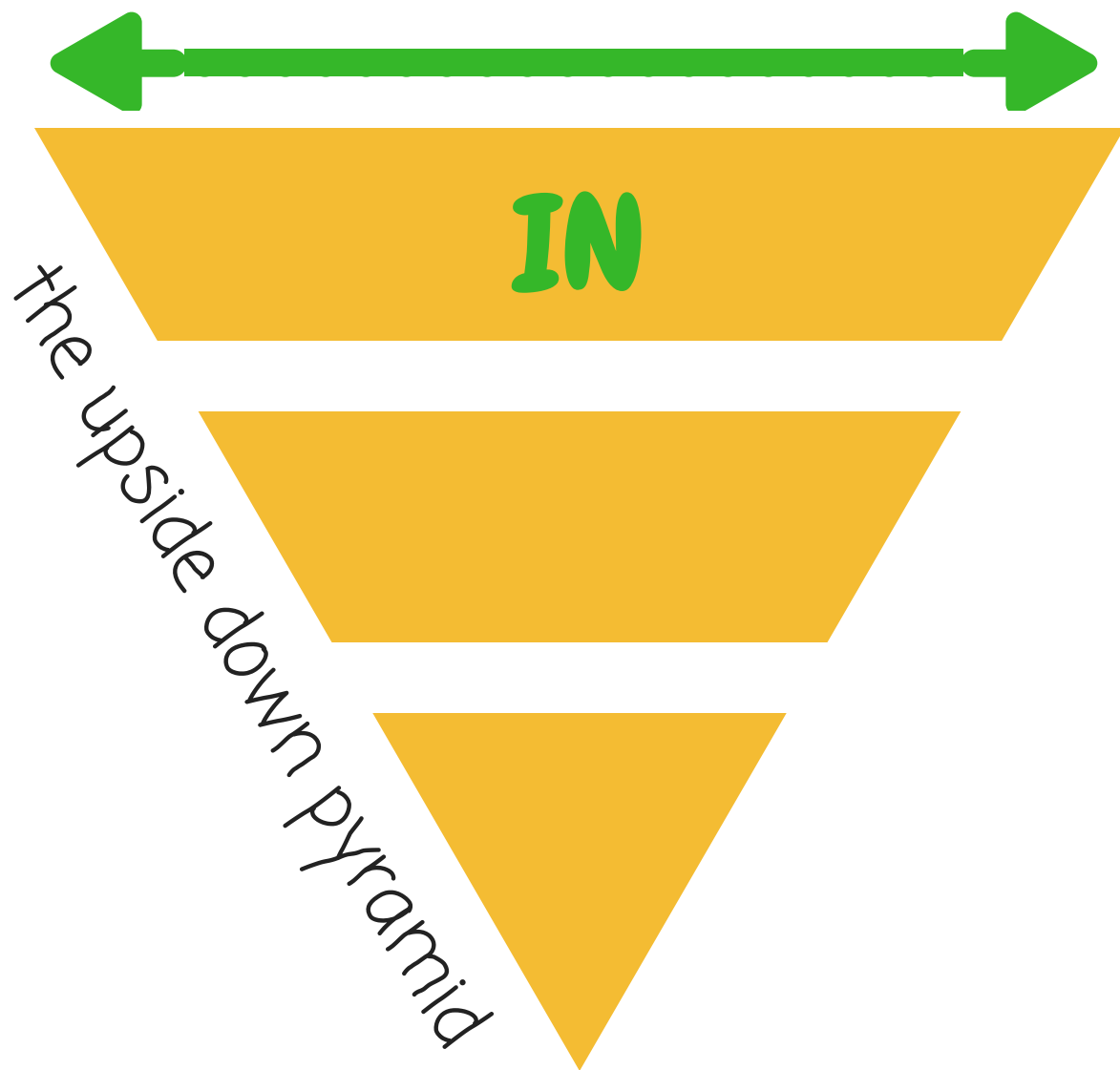
- a) At
- b) On
- c) In
- d) Both A and B are correct.

The answer is revealed at the end of the lesson.



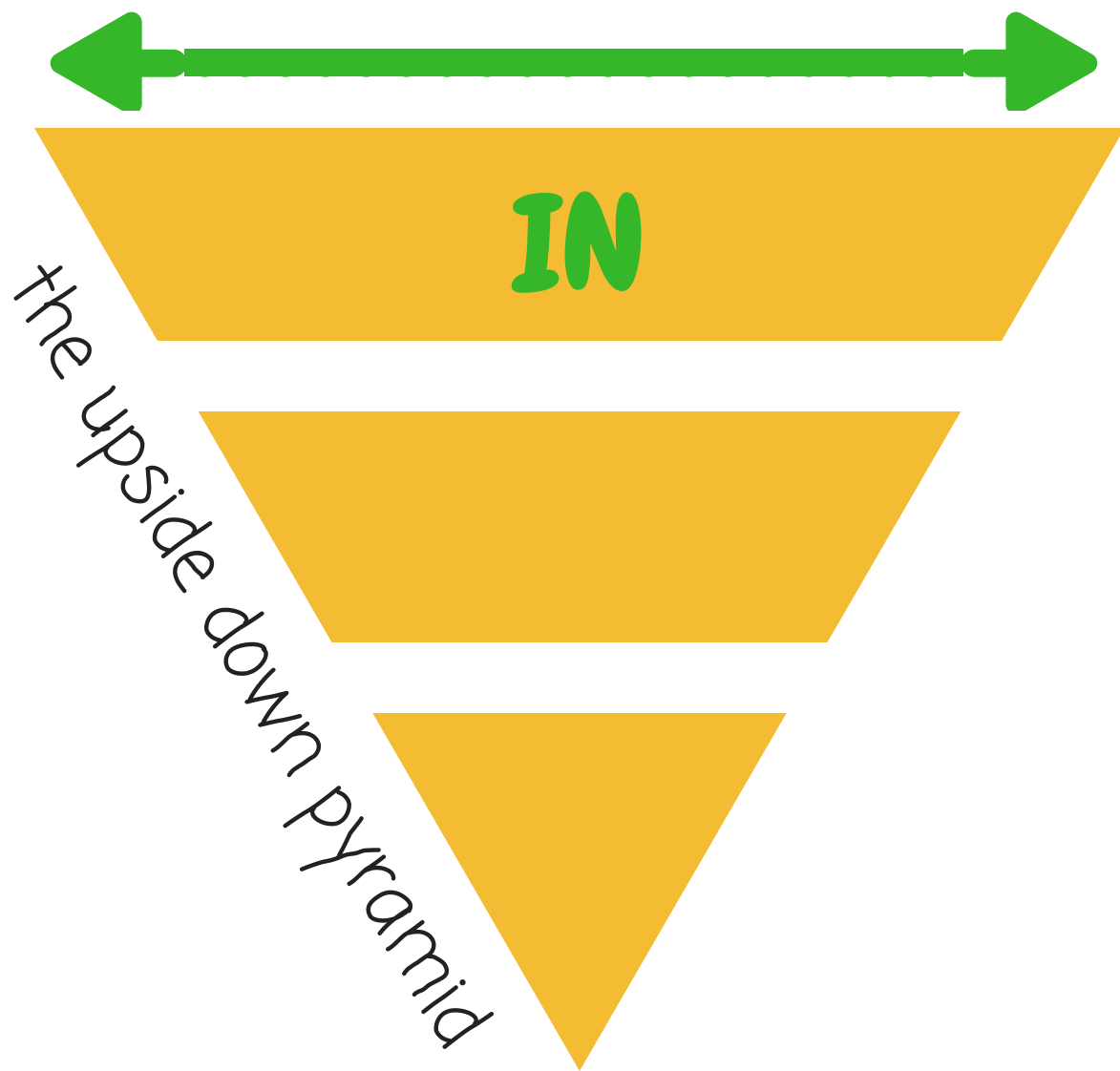


Remember the time prepositions
with this memory trick.

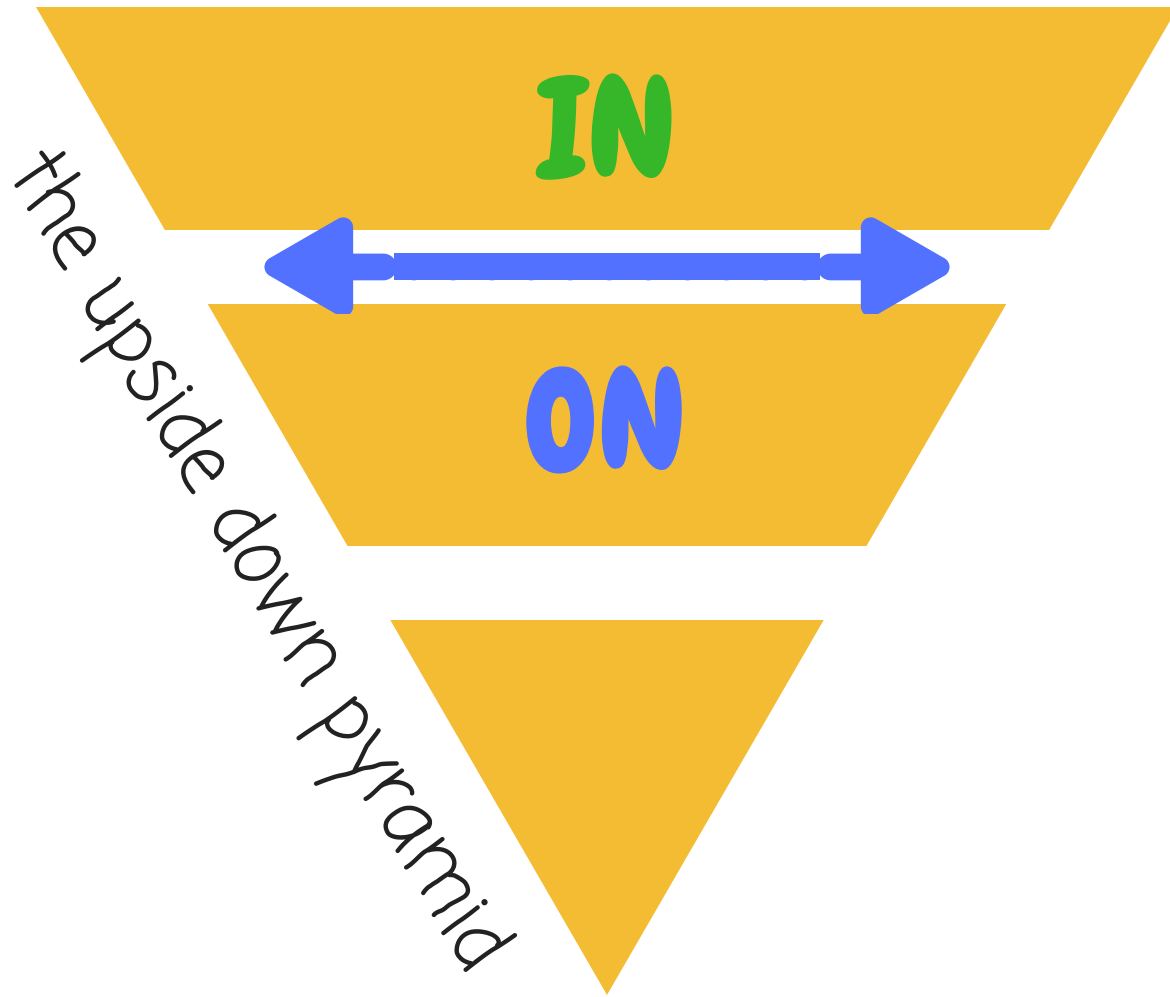


We use "in" with
long periods of time.

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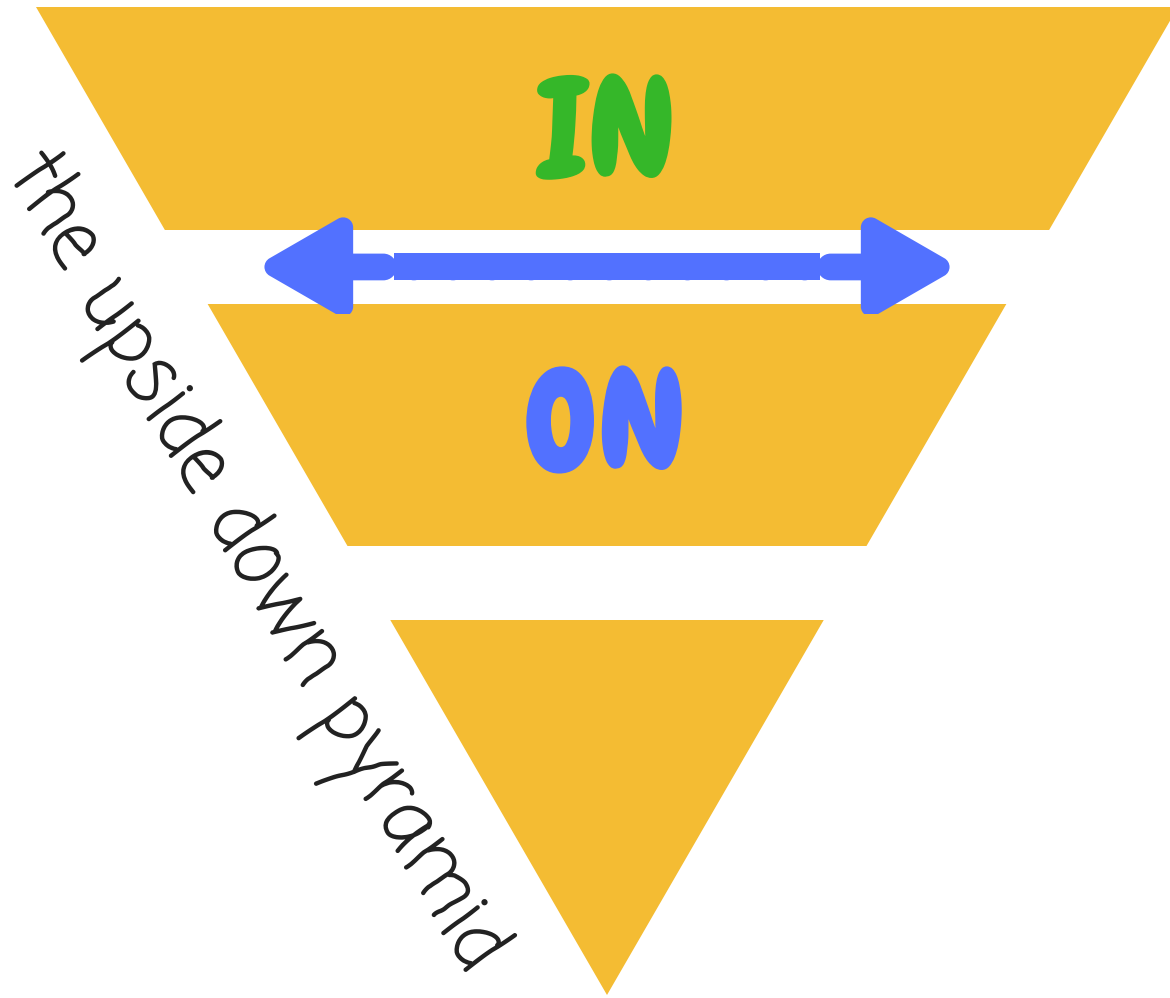


- centuries: in the 19th century
- decades: in the '80s
- years: in 2007
- seasons: in the autumn / winter / spring / summer
- months: in November
- parts of the day: in the morning / afternoon / evening

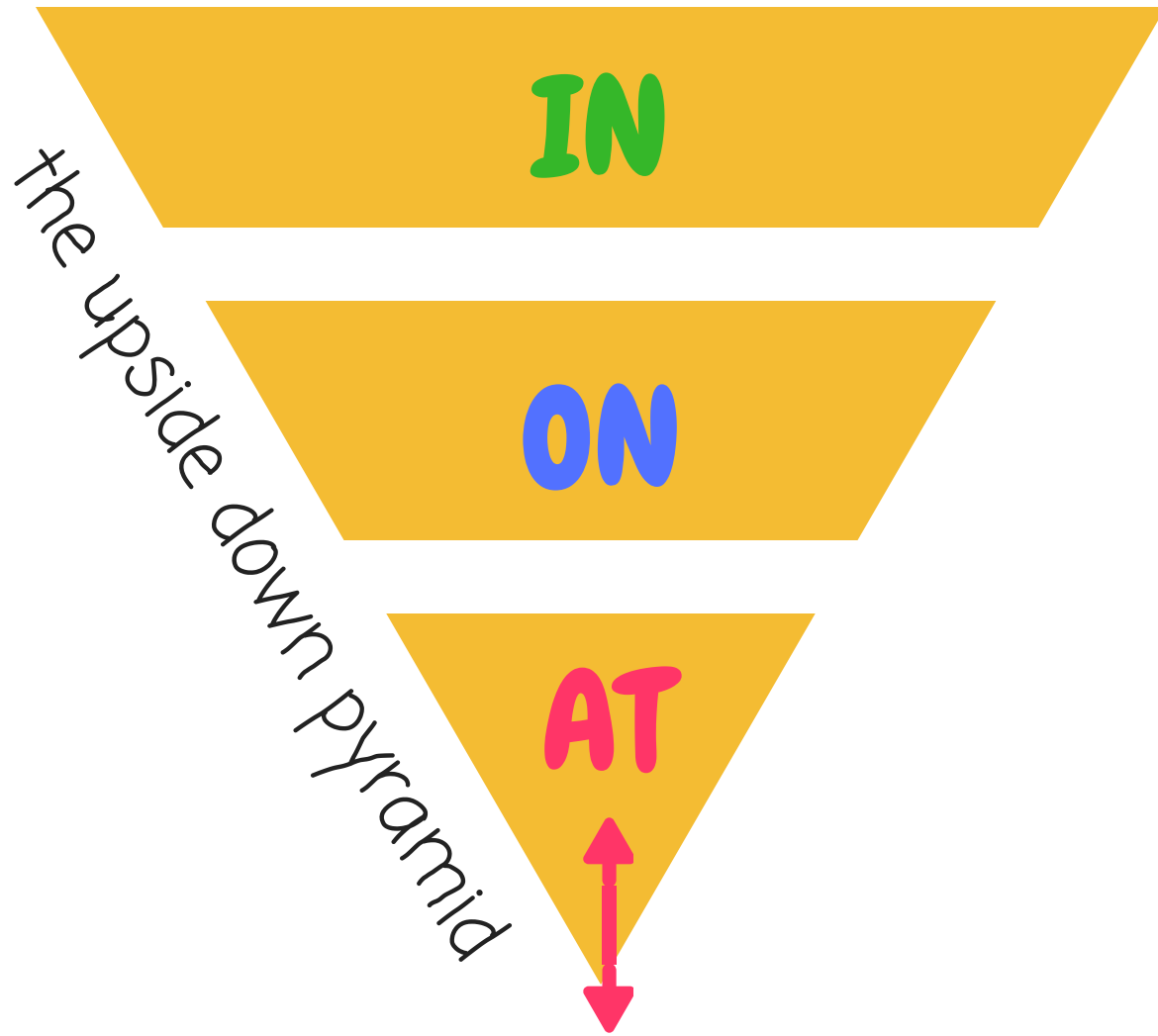


We use "on" with shorter periods of time.

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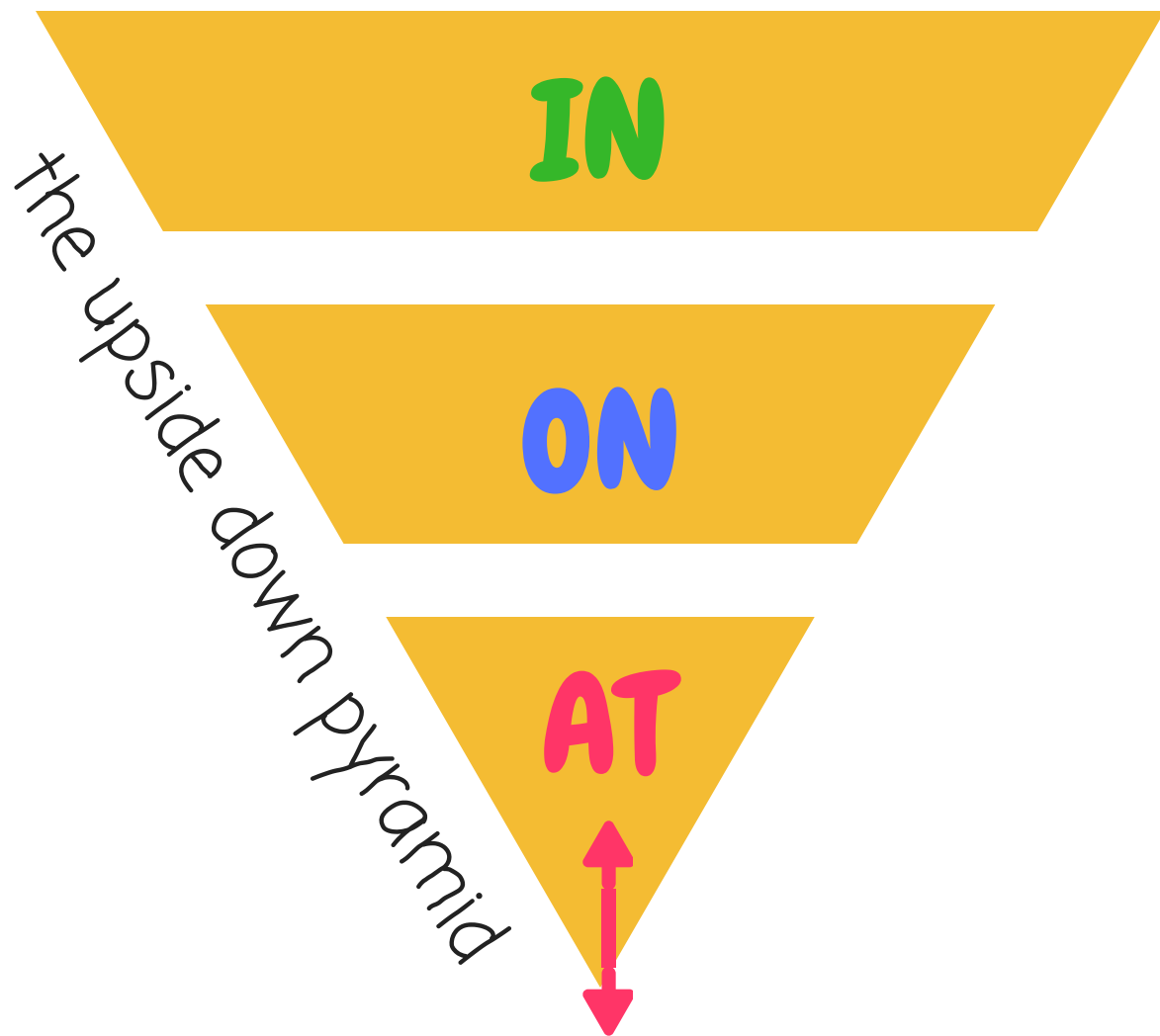


- days of the week: on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.
- dates: on 7th April
- on weekdays, on weekends
- specific days: on my birthday / on our anniversary / on our wedding day / on Thanksgiving day / on Christmas Day / on New Year's Eve, etc.



Remember the time prepositions
with this memory trick.

We usually use "at" with
specific times on the clock
or specific parts of the day.



- **time:** at nine o'clock, at lunch time
- **specific parts of the day:** at noon, at midday, at midnight, at night
- **other:** at weekends, at Christmas, at Easter

EXCEPTIONS!

1. We use "in" with all the parts of the day ("in the morning / afternoon / evening"), BUT we say "at night".
2. We say "on weekdays", BUT "at weekends" (in British English). In American English, we say "on weekends".

ALSO ...

3. Difference between "at Christmas" & "on Christmas"

>> We use "at" to refer to the whole seasonal celebration / period.

Example: I wonder how many days off actors and singers get to take at Christmas.

>> We use "on" to refer to the day (Christmas Day).

Example: He is visiting his family on Christmas day, and then he's going to a ski resort with his girlfriend.

Quiz!

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- a) At
- b) On
- c) In
- d) A and B are both correct.

at weekends -> British English
on weekends -> American English

