

Time Prepositions (b)

TIME

at *exact time*

at 5:30, **at** noon, **at** night, **at** midnight

in *how long until*

in 20 minutes, **in** a few hours, **in** a moment

in *when it happens*

in the morning/afternoon/evening

for *how long- continuing*

for 3 hours, **for** 15 minutes, **for** the weekend

We played tennis **for** 6 hours yesterday. → (total playing time was 6 hours)

since *starting point- continuing*

since I was a child, **since** 4:00

John has been living in Japan **since** 2010. → (started in 2010 and still here)

until *finishing time (of continuing action)*

until 9:00, **until** morning

I was studying **until** 3:00 am. Then I went to bed. → (finished at 3 am)

this *most recent (future or past) event*

this morning/afternoon/evening

There *will be* a fireworks show **this** Saturday. → (this *future* Saturday)

There *was* a fireworks show **this** Saturday, → (this *past* Saturday)

*Fill in the blanks with the correct **time preposition** to finish the sentence:*

1. I always wake up _____ 5:00 _____ the morning.
2. There will be a typhoon hitting Tokyo _____ Friday. Be careful.
3. Our airplane will take off _____ one hour, _____ 4:30.
4. Bob worked _____ 1 am, then went home and went to bed.
5. Shelly has been living in Hawaii _____ she was 10 years old.
6. The breakfast buffet will start _____ 7 am. And it will go _____ 2 and a half hours, from 7:00 _____ 9:30.
7. Jennifer has worked for her company _____ 35 years.
8. The bus should be here _____ a few minutes, _____ 9:45.
9. There was heavy rain early _____ morning. It continued raining _____ 11:15, but the sun finally came out _____ the afternoon.
10. Everyone has been wearing masks _____ 2019 because of COVID-19.
11. The hotel check-in time is _____ 3 pm and check-out time is _____ 10 am.
12. We have been staying at this hotel _____ 6 days, _____ Monday.
13. We will be staying at this hotel _____ Saturday, then checking out.
14. What are we having for lunch _____ afternoon?
15. The dinner buffet is open _____ 3 hours and finishes _____ 9 pm.
16. Julie always fixes herself a cup of tea _____ the evening, before bed.
17. Operators are all busy now, but one will be with you _____ a moment.
18. John only sleeps _____ about 4 hours a night. He doesn't go to bed _____ 4 am and always wakes up early _____ the morning _____ 8 am.