

# Sans convertisseur

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<b>During</b>	<b>1. Throughout a period of time.</b>	<b>This café is open <b>during</b> the day but not <b>at</b> night.</b>  <b>I learned a lot about computers <b>during</b> my time with that company.</b>
	<b>2. A more specific period.</b>	<b><b>During</b> the company's <u>first two</u> years, it was very successful.</b>  <b>During two years, the company was very successful. [use 'for']</b>
	<b>3. An unspecified point within a period.</b>	<b>She was born <b>during</b> the Second World War.</b> <b>I sometimes wake up <b>during</b> the night.</b> <b>He called me <b>during</b> the meeting.</b>

See also **Adverbs of time.**

1. We don't use the prepositions 'in', 'on' or 'at' for days, months etc. [see tables above] directly before the following words:

- every
- last
- next
- today
- yesterday
- tomorrow

We visit my parents every weekend. ❌

We visit my parents at every weekend.

We saw them last Saturday. ❌

We saw them on last Saturday.

We're going skiing with them next February. ❌

We're going skiing with them in next February.

Did you see him yesterday morning or are you meeting him today? ❌

Did you see him in the morning yesterday or in the afternoon? ❌

Did you see him in yesterday morning?

Are you free tomorrow evening? ❌

2. We do not use a preposition with 'this' when it refers to the present time:

I had to work late last night so I slept a little longer this morning. [today]  
 I'm so busy this week. [the current week]  
 It's my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this September. [September of the current year]

However, when you use 'this' or 'that' in order to be very specific, we can add a preposition, although it is not necessary. For example:

I told her I couldn't attend the training (**on**) *that* morning/afternoon/day. [the morning, afternoon or day previously mentioned]

(**In**) *that* month, we're going to Paris and (**in**) *this* month we're travelling to the south. [we already know which months we're talking about or we're looking at a calendar]

See also [Adverbs of time](#) and [Prepositions after expressions](#).

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