Avec convertisseur

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	**Hans was born on 25/11/80 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.**

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See also Adverbs of time.

- 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. green check mark, tick mark

We visit my parents <u>at</u> every weekend.

We saw them last Saturday. green check mark, tick mark

We saw them <u>on</u> last Saturday.

We're going skiing with them next February. green check mark, tick mark

We're going skiing with them <u>in</u> next February.

Did you see him yesterday morning or are you meeting him today? green check mark, tick mark

Did you see him in the morning yesterday or in the afternoon? green check mark, tick mark

Did you see him <u>in</u> yesterday morning?

Are you free tomorrow evening? green check mark, tick mark

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 50th 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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