

Vocabulary

Birth, marriage, and death

1 **EXTENSION** Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

birth (x3) birthday born (x2)



- Shakespeare was _____ into quite a wealthy family.
- Congratulations on the _____ of baby Emma!
- What are you doing for your _____ this year?
- She gave _____ to a beautiful healthy boy.
- Your date and place of _____ are on your passport.
- They say that the first _____ child is always more ambitious.

2 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

wedding (x2) marriage ~~marry~~ married (x2)
get married got married been married
got divorced got engaged



- Darling, I love you. Will you marry me?
- They met and _____ in just three months!
- A Are you _____?
B No, we've just _____. We're going to _____ next year.
- How many times has she _____?
- We had a lovely _____ in a small country church.
- Did you hear? James and Henrietta _____ last Saturday.
- How many guests did they have at the _____?
- Their _____ was always stormy. I'm not surprised they _____.

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

dying (x2) dead (x2) died death (x3) die (x2)



- A Is old Bert Harris still alive? He must be nearly 100.
B No, I'm sure he's _____. Didn't he _____ a few years ago?
- Her father's _____ came as a great shock. He _____ of a heart attack.
- Every winter thousands of birds _____ in the cold weather.
- I think our poor old cat is _____. She's sixteen and she just sleeps all day long.
- Julius Caesar was stabbed to _____ by his best friend, Brutus.
- There are always a lot of _____ bodies in Agatha Christie's stories.
- I can't watch horror movies. I get scared to _____.
- My wedding ring was my grandmother's. It was her _____ wish that I should have it.

Prepositions

in / at / on for time



We use **at** for the time and some expressions.

at 8.00
at midnight
at lunchtime
at the weekend
at Christmas
at the same time
at the moment
at the age of five

We use **in** for longer periods of time.

in April
in 2012
in summer
in the twentieth century

We also use **in** for parts of the day.

in the morning
in the afternoon
in the evening (but *at night*)

We use **on** for days and dates.

on Monday
on Sunday morning
on August 17
on Thursdays

There is no preposition before **last, next, this, tomorrow, or yesterday.**

I saw him this morning
I'll see you next week
Did you go out last night / yesterday evening?
I'll call you tomorrow morning.

4 **EXTENSION** Complete the sentences with a correct preposition or no preposition (-).

- It was so romantic. He asked me to marry him _____ midnight _____ New Year's Eve!
- Our first baby was born _____ 2.40 _____ the morning _____ Christmas Day.
- My son hates having his birthday _____ the middle of winter and _____ Christmas time.
- He was a difficult child. He didn't sleep _____ night until he was five. Now he's a teenager we can't get him up _____ the morning.
- I don't feel very well _____ this morning. I don't think I should go to school.
- My 10-year-old daughter wants a tattoo. She is really too young _____ her age.
- Term begins _____ September 4th. It's a Thursday. Why are we starting _____ a Thursday _____ this year? It usually begins _____ a Monday.
- We arrive _____ 3.30 _____ Friday afternoon.