

on at by with about

A

On

on vacation
on television
on the radio
on the phone
on fire
on time (= not late)

- Jane isn't at work this week. She's **on vacation**.
- We watched the news **on television**.
- We listened to the news **on the radio**.
- I spoke to Rachel **on the phone** last night.
- The house is **on fire**! Call the fire department.
- "Was the train late?" "No, it was **on time**."

B

At

at (the age of) 21 / at 50 kilometers an hour / at 100 degrees, etc.:

- Lisa got married **at 21**. (or ... **at the age of 21**.)
- A car uses more gas **at 70 miles an hour** than at 55.
- Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.

C

By

by car / by bus / by plane / by bike, etc.:

- Do you like traveling **by train**?
- Jane usually goes to work **by bike**.

but on foot:

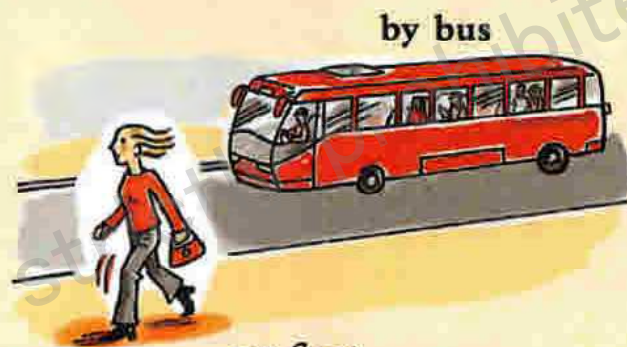
- You can't get there **by car**. You have to go **on foot**. (= you have to walk)

a book **by ...** / a painting **by ...** / a piece of music **by ...**, etc.:

- Have you read any books **by Charles Dickens**?
- **Who** is that painting **by**? Picasso?

by after the passive (→ Unit 22):

- I was bitten **by a dog**.



on foot



D

With/Without

- Did you stay at a hotel or **with friends**?
- Wait for me. Please don't go **without me**.
- Do you like your coffee **with or without milk**?
- I cut the paper **with a pair of scissors**.

a man **with** a beard / a woman **with** glasses, etc.:

- Do you know that man **with the beard**?
- I'd like to have a house **with a big yard**.



a man
with a beard



a woman
with glasses

E

About

talk/speak/think/hear/know about ... :

- Some people **talk about their work** all the time.
- I don't **know much about cars**.

a book / a question / a program / information, etc. **about ... :**

- There was a **program about volcanoes** on TV last night. Did you see it?

112.1 Complete the sentences. Use **on +** these words:

the phone ~~the radio~~ television time vacation

- We heard the news on the radio.
- Please don't be late. Try to get here _____.
- I won't be here next week. I'm going _____.
- "Did you see Linda?" "No, but I talked to her _____."
- "What's _____ tonight?" "Nothing that I want to watch."

112.2 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with **at/by/with, etc.**



- I cut the paper with a pair of scissors.
- Last year they took a trip around the world _____ boat.
- Who is the woman _____ short hair?
- They are talking _____ the weather.
- The car is _____ fire.
- She's listening to some music _____ Mozart.
- The plane is flying _____ 600 miles an hour.
- They're _____ vacation.
- Do you know the man _____ sunglasses?
- He's reading a book _____ grammar _____ Vera P. Bull.

112.3 Complete the sentences. Use **at/by/with, etc.**

- In tennis, you hit the ball _____ a racket.
- It's cold today. Don't go out _____ a coat.
- Hamlet, Othello, and Macbeth* are plays _____ William Shakespeare.
- Do you know anything _____ computers?
- My grandmother died _____ the age of 98.
- How long does it take to go from New York to Los Angeles _____ plane?
- I didn't go to the football game, but I watched it _____ television.
- My house is the one _____ the red door on the right.
- These trains are very fast. They can travel _____ very high speeds.
- You can't get there _____ car. There's no road.
- Can you give me some information _____ hotels in this town?
- I was arrested _____ two police officers and taken to the police station.
- The buses here are very good. They're almost always _____ time.
- What would you like to drink _____ your meal?
- We traveled from Los Angeles to Seattle _____ train.
- The museum has some paintings _____ Frida Kahlo.