

Did you have a nice day yesterday? What did you do? Study? I went to the Snow Festival with my daughter. We had a good time and ate some nice food. I don't know if it's because I'm getting older, or because the weather is getting warmer, but the sculptures¹ didn't seem as big as they usually do. What do you think? I remember when I first saw it. I was incredibly² impressed³. That was in 1999. Has it shrunk⁴? Still, I had a lot of good food. On days like that, my wife lets me buy any food I like. It is wonderful.

Something Interesting (Ginza⁵)

1. Ginza was built on a swamp⁶ that was filled in in the 16th century.
2. The name "ginza" comes from a silver coin mint⁷ that was built there in 1612.
3. The area burned down⁸ in 1872. The Meiji government⁹ decided to modernize¹⁰ it .Ginza was designed by an Irish architect¹¹.
4. The government wanted brick buildings that would be fireproof¹².
5. 1m² in Ginza costs 55,000,000 yen. That's a lot of money. It is the most expensive land in Japan and has increased 50% over the last four years. Some people say that there is another land bubble¹³ starting.
6. The custom of¹⁴ "window displays¹⁵" first started here in Japan.
7. Most fashion brands have their flagship¹⁶ here.



Last Week's Answers



Announcements

The JHS have their singing competition on Wednesday. Every time I walk down the hallway, I can hear them singing. They have very beautiful voices. I think the homeroom teacher should join in,

Elementary School Students Get Armani Uniforms

Last week, students at Taimei Elementary School in Ginza, Japan, were shown their new uniform. They will cost about 80,000 yen each. That is probably a lot for an elementary school uniform, but these are not just regular¹⁷ uniforms. These uniforms were made by Armani! Most people would love a suit made by Armani, but elementary school students might not be able to appreciate¹⁸ the fine tailoring¹⁹.



Many of the parents have complained²⁰ to the school. They say that the uniform is too expensive and unnecessary²¹. Students roll on the floor and play in the mud. Is a uniform by a famous designer appropriate? The principal of the school says that it is. He says that a school in the wealthy district of Ginza, a private school at that, needs to have a uniform that is better than an average school.

The school is a landmark²² in Gina and, while this may be true, the school did not consult²³ with the parents first. The matter was debated in the Japanese parliament and has even been picked up by the international news. I wonder if our school will bring in a new uniform? Maybe one that's designed by Ralph Lauren? What do you think? Maybe they can design me a suit for free at the same time.



- 1.Sculpture 象 2.Incredibly すごく 3.Impressed 感動した 4.Shrink 小さくなる 5.Ginza 銀座
6.Swamp 沼地 7.Silver coin mint 銀硬貨製造所 8.Burn down 燃え落ちる 9.Meiji government 明治の政府
10.Modernize 現代的になる 11.Architect 建築者 12.Fireproof 不燃性の 13.Land bubble 土地バブル
14.Custom of~の習慣 15.Window display ショーウィンドウのディスプレイ 16.Flagship 主力商品
17.Regular 普通の 18.Appreciate 十分理解する 19.Fine tailoring 高級洋服仕立業
20.Complain クレームをする 21.Unnecessary 不必要 22.Landmark 目印 23.Consult 相談する

★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! I hope you had a nice three-day weekend. I actually had a four-day weekend. My cousin and her husband were visiting from Guam. They wanted to see the Snow Festival before traveling to South Korea for the Winter Olympics. We had a great time! - Krystal

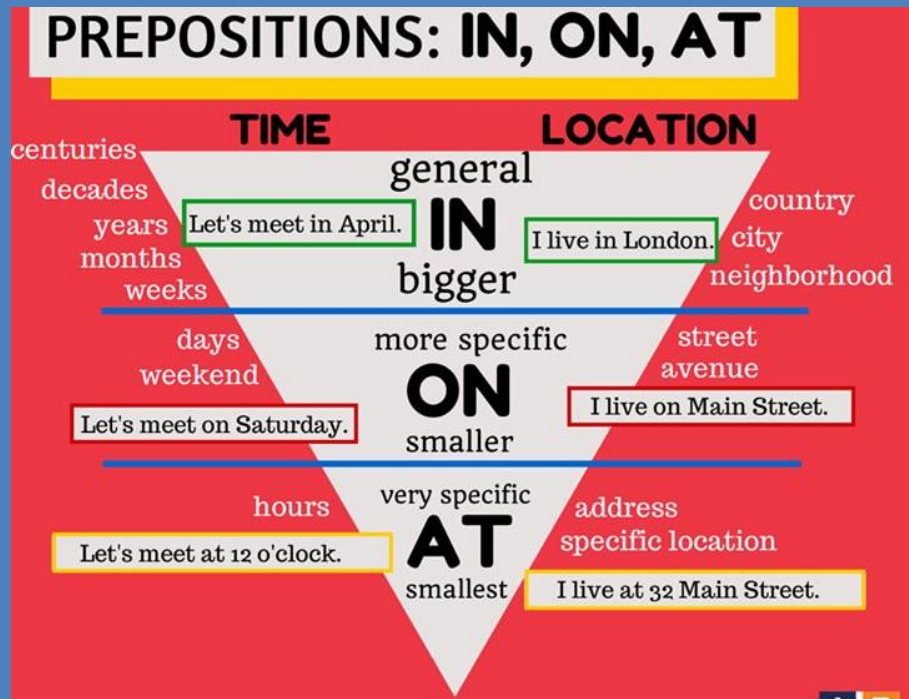


★ Dear Krystal ★

Do you have questions about English? Do you need some advice about a problem in your life? If so, **put your questions in the pink envelope near the English Board on the 2nd floor. Write "Dear Krystal" on your question.** Anything is ok, and you can remain anonymous.

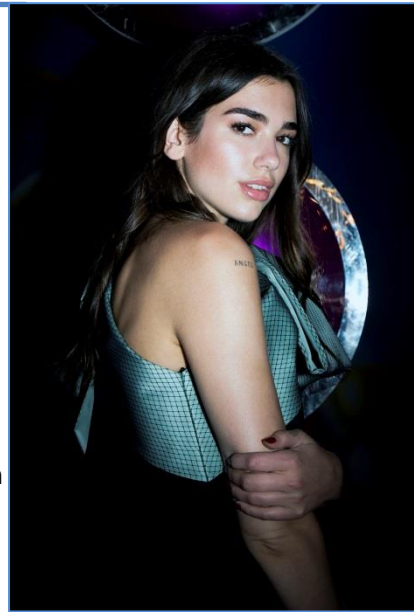
Q: What's the difference between "in", "at", and "on".

A: Here you go :



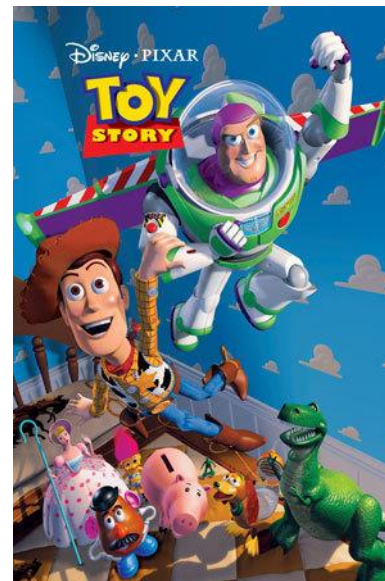
★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

Dua Lipa is an English singer, songwriter, and model. She was born on August 22, 1995 in London, England. Her parents were Albanians from Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, who immigrated to England in the early 90s. The name "Dua" means "love" in Albanian. Her father was a famous singer in Kosovo, so she developed an interest in music at a young age. She attended a performing arts school in London. When she was 14, she started to upload videos of herself singing covers of her favorite artists on YouTube. She began to work as a model and appeared in advertisements shortly after. In 2015, she began working on her first album, which was released on June 2, 2017. A few singles from the album charted in the UK and across Europe, but her biggest hit was her sixth single, "New Rules". "New Rules" was Lipa's first number 1 hit in the UK, and reached the top 10 in Australia and Canada, and number 11 in the US. She has been nominated for five Brit awards, the first time ever for a female artist. She was the most streamed female artist in 2017 in the UK on Spotify. Recently, she has performed as one of the opening acts for Bruno Mars on his 24K Magic World Tour. She is currently working on songs for her second album.



★ From the English Lounge ★

Tuesday @ 4:30: Toy Story



Toy Story is a 1995 American computer-animated buddy comedy adventure film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. It was the first feature-length computer-animated film and the first feature film produced by Pixar. The movie is about a boy named Andy, who has a room full of toys that come to life when humans aren't around. A toy cowboy named Woody is the leader and favorite of Andy's toys. However, on Andy's birthday, Andy gets a new toy, a space ranger action figure named Buzz Lightyear. Buzz can do amazing things, so Woody starts to feel jealous of him. Can Woody and Buzz learn to get along? Find out by watching Toy Story in the English Lounge.

New words: cousin いとこ preposition 前置詞 century 世紀 decade 10年間 neighborhood 近所 specific 具体的な
 Psalm 詩篇 rejoice 喜ぶ Albanian アルバニア人・アルバニア語 capital 首都 Kosovo コソボ共和国 advertisement 広告
 get along 仲良くする



This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.



Psalm 118:24
 This Bible verse used to hang on the kitchen wall in my home when I was growing up. It means every day is a gift from God, so we should do what we can to make today amazing.