

Worksheet GB No. 47

Grammar Bite 47: "in time or on time?" ☆☆☆

(☆☆ = Basic ☆☆☆ = Intermediate ☆☆☆☆ = Advanced)

Activity

Put one of these words in each blank:

in time on time

- 1 Make sure you're home _____ good _____ for tea..
- 2 If the train runs _____ we'll get there at 6.28 pm.
- 3 Glasnost had come only just _____ to prevent disaster.
- 4 I hope to reach Stall Park _____ for the replay on Saturday
- 5 If we complete the job _____, we'll get paid promptly..

in time on time

- 6 He was just _____ to decide whether or not the building project should go ahead.
- 7 The road network in Northern France is being upgraded _____ for the next big celebration.
- 8 They try and turn up _____, or if they are going to be late, they ring up and apologise.
- 9 He hopes the damage will be repaired _____ for Christmas
- 10 They get to the radio station _____, and play their music.

in time on time

- 11 Strang looks likely to be fit _____ for Saturday's TNT Gold Cup clash.
- 12 The Revenue states that a company has an obligation to deliver a return _____, complete and correct.
- 13 Frankie turned round _____ to see his mum move away from the school gate.
- 14 And when an idea has been fully agreed, make sure that you deliver _____.
- 15 Intercity improves its image if your journey was _____ and that is definitely a positive thing for them.

Notes

In time and on time

In time

We use *in time* to mean "before time", as we can see in these two common phrases:

In good time: well before time
(*In plenty of time*)

Just in time: before time, but at the last minute

We often see these combinations:
in time to do something, or *in time for something*.

On time

We use *on time* to mean "at the agreed time, neither before nor after"

She arrived on time for our date
You must be on time for the class

Like most words, you can use *in time* in other ways:

He rocked her in time to the music.
She used her seapower in time of war.
Perhaps in time these will become different species altogether

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