



SMART JUNIORS 3

My School Life: A Journey Through
Knowledge and Discovery

Lesson 30 Grammar Station



Students often
make mistakes with...

Prepositions
in, on, and at
to express time.



Would you like to
watch our drama play
on Friday **at** 3 p.m.?

Sure. I'm free **in**
the afternoon.



We use the prepositions **in**, **on**, and **at** to express time.



COME AND JOIN US AT OUR
BOOK CLUB
Let's meet and talk about
our favorite books!
Wednesday, August 14
5:00 ~ 7:00 PM
Hilltop Academy

The poster features a central text area surrounded by illustrations of books and people reading. A pink and orange swirl connects the top and bottom illustrations.



The event will be:

- in _____
- on _____
- at _____

Let's test your memory
on prepositions of time!
Complete the details
about the event.



Prepositions of Time: in, on, at

general



months
years
seasons
parts of the day

in November
in 2022
in autumn
in the morning



days
dates
holidays with 'day'

on Wednesday
on April 4
on Halloween

very
specific



exact time
meal times
time expressions
holidays without 'day'

at 10:00 p.m.
at lunchtime
at present
at Christmas

⚠ We say **at night** NOT ~~in the night~~.



noon



spring



New Year's Day



the moment



10 years

Have a try!



- Read the passage below and complete the gaps with the correct preposition.

Tim's Day: Learn, Lunch, Laugh

①_____ a sunny Monday, Tim arrived at school
②_____ 8 o'clock. In the classroom, he studied hard,
finishing his homework early ③_____ the morning.
④_____ lunchtime, he shared his sandwich with
friends. On the way home, he reflected ⑤_____ a
productive day, proud of what he accomplished.



Students often make mistakes with...

Modal verbs **must**,
have to, **should**,
and **need to**.



We have an exam tomorrow.
We **must** start studying tonight.

And don't forget, we **have to**
bring our IDs to the exam.

You're right. We **should**
review all our notes.

Yes. We **need to** be
well-prepared.



must vs have to

Must is used for **obligations we decide for other people or ourselves.**



You **must** submit your report tomorrow.
(The teacher decided this for the students.)



I **must** exercise more often.
(Jack decided this for himself.)

! The speaker **can** change the rule.

Have to is used for **obligations that others decide for us.**



We **have to** submit our report tomorrow.
(The teacher made this rule.)



I **have to** present my train ticket.
(The train company made this rule.)

! The speaker **can't** change the rule.



Have a try!

I _____ wear my uniform to work.

You _____ take good care of your pets.



should vs need to

Should is used for **recommendations** and to **express what is right to do**.

Julie **should** spend less time watching TV.
(It's the right thing to do but she doesn't do it.)

We **shouldn't** eat too much fast food.
(It isn't the right thing to do but we still do it.)

Need to is used for something that is **necessary for a specific purpose**.

Gina **needs to** take a break and relax.
(It's necessary because she is tired.)

They **need to** save money for their vacation.
(It's necessary so they can pay for their vacation.)



Have a try!

- You _____ be careful when driving on a rainy day.
- Students _____ join a club to make more friends.

PRACTICE TIME

- Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the given word.

Example: Most students in my country can't go to university unless they pay. **[have]**

Most students in my country have to pay to go to university.

1. The safest option is to take the crosswalk. **[should]**

One _____ since it is the safest option.

2. Students are not allowed to use their phones during exams. **[must]**

Students _____ while taking exams.

3. You can't go to the cinema unless you clean your room. **[need]**

You _____ your room before going to the cinema.





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Modal Verbs: must, have to, should, need to

must

obligations we decide for other people or ourselves

I **must** learn a new Spanish word every day.

have to

obligations that others decide for us

Students **have to** wear their school uniform.

should

recommendations

You **should** wear thicker clothes during winter.

need to

necessities

We **need to** buy tickets soon to get the best prices.



WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to explore
a new unit! See you next time!