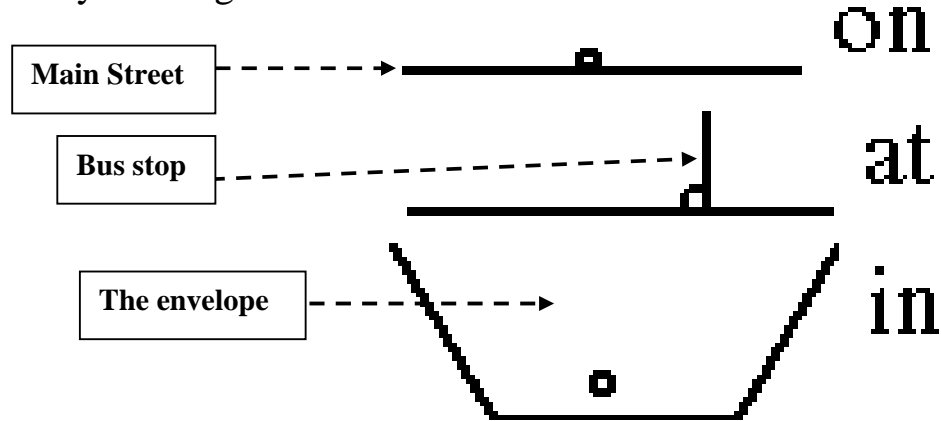


Handout 3

Prepositions of time

The following activity is based on the explanation of prepositions of place as represented by the diagram.



- I'll meet **AT** the bus stop **ON** Main Street.
- The tickets will be **IN** the envelope **ON** my desk.
- The bus stopped **AT** the traffic light.

- A year is a SPACE, and so is a MONTH or a WEEK. Therefore they would require the preposition **IN**. e.g. **IN** 1997, **IN** August, **IN** the third week of August.
- The actual date is a column or line **IN** that week/month and thus requires **ON** Monday.
- The hour would be a point on the day line and thus require **AT**, as in **AT** 6 a.m., **AT** 16:30 **IN** the afternoon.

