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Time

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. Mr Talbot is always late for class, we never start _____ time.
a. to
b. in
c. at
d. on

2. I'm terribly sorry but Dr Rafi is out seeing patients _____ the moment.
a. in
b. at
c. on
d. for

3. What do we call someone who likes getting up early in the morning?
a. An early fish
b. An early dog
c. An early bird
d. An early cat

4. He got to the exam just _____ time, they were about to start writing.
a. to
b. in
c. at
d. on

5. What do we call someone who prefers to stay up late at night?
a. A night owl
b. A night bird
c. A night eagle
d. A night parrot

6. I'll see you _____ next Saturday.
a. on
b. at
c. in
d. ----

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Answers

1. Mr Talbot is always late for class, we never start _____ time.
a. to - 'to time' is not the correct answer.
b. in - 'in time' means in order to do something e.g. we arrived in time to catch the 9:05 train.
c. at - 'at time' is not the correct answer.
d. on - 'on time' means to do something at the correct time e.g. be on time (don't be late). Correct

2. I'm terribly sorry but Dr Rafi is out seeing patients _____ the moment.
a. in - 'in the moment' is not correct
b. at - 'at the moment' is correct e.g. He's out at the moment, can you call back? Correct
c. on - 'on the moment' is not correct
d. for - we use 'for the moment' to emphasise that it is a temporary situation and may change e.g. For the moment we're just friends

3. What do we call someone who likes getting up early in the morning?
a. An early fish - An 'early fish' is not correct.
b. An early dog - An 'early dog' is not correct.
c. An early bird - An 'early bird' is someone who likes getting up early in the morning. Correct
d. An early cat - An 'early cat' is not correct.

4. He got to the exam just _____ time, they were about to start writing.
a. to - 'to time' is not the correct answer.
b.in - 'in time' means in order to do something e.g. we arrived in time to catch the 9:05 train. Correct
c. at - 'at time' is not the correct answer.
d. on - 'on time' means to do something at the correct time e.g. be on time (don't be late)

5. What do we call someone who prefers to stay up late at night?
a. A night owl - If you prefer to stay up late at night you are a night owl (an owl is a bird which sleeps during the day and is awake at night) Correct
b. A night bird - A night bird is not correct.
c. A night eagle - A night eagle is not correct.
d. A night parrot - A night parrot is not correct.

6. I'll see you _____ next Saturday.
a. on - 'On next Saturday' is not correct.
b. at - 'At next Saturday' is not correct.
c. in - 'In next Saturday' is not correct.
d. ---- - '--- next Saturday' is correct. If you use 'this, next, or last' do not use a preposition. Correct