

Ein Termin am Montag um vier

Make and check an appointment

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

A bad day

German

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Day, date and time

Use **am** with a weekday or date, and **um** with a clock time: **am Montag um vier, am dreizehnten April um sechzehn Uhr**. A full appointment can have both: **am Montag, dem dreizehnten April, um vier**. At this level, it is enough to give the weekday or the date clearly.

From now or since a starting point

in zwei Wochen means two weeks from now. **seit Samstag** means the problem started on Saturday and continues now. Use **Seit wann?** to ask its starting point. We return to **seit** in module 10; here it is a useful symptom question.

Ask for a workable time

Geht es früher? asks for an earlier appointment. **Passt das?** asks whether the proposed time works. **Ich kann am Montag nicht kommen** explains a conflict. Ask **Geht es auch am Dienstag?** to offer an alternative. **den Termin absagen** is cancel it; **den Termin verschieben** is move it.

Instructions in the consultation

Polite instructions keep **Sie: Machen Sie den Mund auf, Atmen Sie tief.** A separable command still sends its prefix to the end. **Setzen Sie sich** is the whole polite instruction for sit down. You already know informal **Setz dich** from the house.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS

Underline the marked grammar forms.

- 1 Der Termin ist am Montag um vier.

Meaning: The appointment is on Monday at four.

- 2 Ich habe seit Samstag Halsschmerzen.

Meaning: I have had a sore throat since Saturday.

- 3 Machen Sie den Mund auf.

Meaning: Open your mouth (polite).

G2) FIX THE TIME AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTION

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Ich komme _____ Montag.

- ☐ A um
- ☐ B im
- ☐ C am

Meaning: I come on Monday.

2 Der Termin ist _____ sechzehn Uhr.

- ☐ A im
- ☐ B am
- ☐ C um

Meaning: The appointment is at sixteen hundred.

3 Die Schmerzen sind _____ Samstag da.

- ☐ A in
- ☐ B seit
- ☐ C um

Meaning: The pain has been there since Saturday.

4 Der Termin ist _____ zwei Wochen.

- ☐ A seit
- ☐ B in
- ☐ C am

Meaning: The appointment is in two weeks.

5 Machen Sie den Mund _____.

- ☐ A auf
- ☐ B an
- ☐ C ab

Meaning: Open your mouth (polite).

6 _____ Sie tief.

- ☐ A Atmet
- ☐ B Atmen
- ☐ C Atmest

Meaning: Breathe deeply (polite).

G3) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

um am im

Der Termin ist _____ Montag _____ vier.

Meaning: The appointment is on Monday at four.

in seit

Ich habe _____ Samstag Halsschmerzen.

Meaning: I have had a sore throat since Saturday.

seit in

Der nächste Termin ist _____ zwei Wochen.

Meaning: The next appointment is in two weeks.

auf an Machen

_____ Sie den Mund _____.

Meaning: Open your mouth (polite).

G4) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

1 auch Geht am es Dienstag?

Meaning: Is Tuesday possible too?

2 möchte Ich verschieben. den Termin

Meaning: I would like to move the appointment.

- 3 Schmerzen? haben Seit wann Sie

Meaning: Since when have you had pain?

G5) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 You cannot attend on Monday but are free on Tuesday. You suggest another day. You say:

- ☐ A Wie alt sind Sie?
- ☐ B Geht es auch am Dienstag?
- ☐ C Ich komme am Montag.

- 2 The doctor asks when your sore throat started. It began on Saturday and is still there. You say:

- ☐ A Um sechzehn Uhr.
- ☐ B Seit Samstag.
- ☐ C In zwei Wochen.