

1. [ɒn] *a*

1. **ближний, внутренний**
the on side - более близкая (к собеседнику, зрителю *и т. п.*) сторона
2. **спорт.** часть поля, на которой стоит игрок с битой (*крикет*)
on drive - удар в сторону, на которой находится игрок с битой
3. **разг.** эффективный действующий; имеющий силу
it was one of his on days - он был в хорошей форме /в ударе/ в тот день
4. **разг.**
 - 1) осведомлённый, знающий
he is the most on person here - он здесь самый информированный человек, он знает всё и вся
 - 2) подходящий; приличный
it's a most on situation - это очень подходящий случай
5. **вполне возможный, достижимый; лёгкий**
not to be on - быть нереальным /начисто исключённым/

2. [ɒn] *adv*

1. **указывает на**
 - 1) **нахождение на поверхности чего-л.:**
tea is on - чай подан /на столе/
 - 2) **движение на поверхность чего-л.:**
put the kettle on - поставь чайник (*на плиту и т. п.*)
he climbed (up) on the wall - он взобрался на стену
2. **указывает на**
 - 1) **продолжение действия:**
to work [to write] on - продолжать работать [писать]
she sang on - она всё пела (и пела)
go on! - продолжайте! [*см. тж. 2*])
go on reading - читай(те) дальше
the war still went on - война всё шла /продолжалась/
I held on to the rope - я держался за канат
the orator went on to say ... - затем оратор заявил ...
 - 2) **продвижение вперёд - в пространственном и временном значении вперёд**
go on! - иди(те) вперёд /дальше/ [*см. тж. 1*])
on, John, on! - вперёд, Джон, вперёд!
he sent the luggage on - багаж он отправил вперёд
time glides on - время бежит (незаметно)
time is getting on - время идёт
 - 3) **приближение к какому-л. моменту к**
to be well on in years - быть в годах
it is getting on for six o'clock - скоро будет шесть (часов)
he is going on for five - ему скоро исполнится пять (лет)
it was well on at night [in September] - была глубокая ночь [был в разгаре сентябрь]
 - 4) **удаление - в пространственном и временном значении:**
further on - дальше
later on - позднее, позже
from ... on - начиная с
from now [that day] on - начиная с сегодняшнего [того] дня
3. **указывает на наличие или наступление действия или процесса:**
the game is on - игра идёт
the play was on for months - пьеса много месяцев не сходила со сцены
what is on today? - что идёт сегодня (в кино, театре)?
he is on as Macbeth tonight - он играет роль Макбета сегодня
on with the show! - а) начинайте представление!; б) спектакль надо продолжать!
the rain is on again - опять идёт /пошёл/ дождь
breakfast is on from eight to ten - завтрак подают с восьми до десяти
a terrible row was on - творилось что-то невообразимое
have you anything on this evening? - вы заняты сегодня вечером?
the crisis came on - наступил кризис
4. **указывает на включённость или работу механизма, прибора, системы и т. п. - часто передаётся глагольными приставками в-, за-**
to turn on the tap - открывать кран
the machine was on - машина работала
the radio is on - радио включено
to switch /to turn/ on the gas - включить газ
to put the brakes on - затормозить
the light is full on - свет горит всюду
5. **указывает на**
 - 1) **надевание одежды или наличие её на ком-л., на натягивание чехла и т. п. в, на; передаётся тж. глагольными приставками:**

to have one's hat [shoes] on - быть в шляпе [в ботинках]

what had he on? - что на нём было (надето)?

he had his spectacles on - он был в очках

put on your coat - надень пальто

put the tablecloth on - постели скатерть

try these shoes on - померь эти туфли

2) нанесение чего-л. на поверхность предмета в, на; передаётся **тж.** глагольными приставками:

rub the ointment on - вотрите эту мазь

6. указывает на направление на, к

to head on (to) - **мор.** держать курс (на)

stern on - **мор.** кормой к (ветру, берегу и т. п.)

7. **ком.** указывает на увеличение выше

the price [the quotation] is 3 points on - цена [котировка] выше на три пункта

◇ and so on - и так далее

on and off - от случая к случаю, время от времени

on and on - бесконечно, не переставая

they talked on and on for hours - они болтали часами (без умолку)

to be on - а) заключать пари; б) быть навеселе

he is a little bit on - он слегка навеселе

to be on (for smth.) - быть за (что-л.)

I'm on (for it) - я - за (это), я с удовольствием

to be on to smb. - а) раскусить /разгадать/ кого-л.; they were on to him at once - они сразу его раскусили; б) (по)говорить с кем-л.; he's been on to me about this matter - он поговорил со мной по поводу этого дела; в) нападать (на чей-л. след); the police are on to him - полиция нашла на его след; г) придирается к кому-л.

he is always on to me - он всегда ко мне придирается

to get on to smb. - а) добраться до кого-л.; he got on to me only yesterday - он добрался до меня только вчера; б) застать кого-л.

I got on to him on the phone - я застал его по телефону

to be on to smth. - узнать, догадаться о чём-л.; понять что-л.

he was on to it at last - наконец он это понял

it's not on! - а) это невозможно!; you can't refuse now, it's just not on - вы не можете сейчас отказаться - это просто невозможно; б) не получилось!; не вышло!

hold on! - держись!

come on! - ну, давай!, /пошли!, взяли!, начали!/
keep your hair on! - спокойно!, не волнуйся!

др. сочетания **см.** под соответствующими словами

3. [ɒn] **прег**

1. в пространственном значении указывает на

1) нахождение на чём-л. или на поверхности чего-л. на

a city on the hill - город на холме

a picture on the wall - картина на стене

a painting on glass - рисунок на стекле

on the surface of the water - на поверхности воды

on page four - на четвёртой странице

a ring on the finger - кольцо на пальце

shoes on his feet - ботинки у него на ногах

the look on his face - выражение его лица

there was deep snow on the ground - земля была покрыта толстым слоем снега

2) движение по поверхности по

logs floating on the water - брёвна, плывущие по воде

a fly walked on the ceiling - муха ползала /разгуливала/ по потолку

3) направленность или место приложения действия на, в

to kiss smb. on the lips /on the mouth/ - поцеловать кого-л. в губы

to pat smb. on the hand - погладить кого-л. по руке

to knock on the door - постучать в дверь

to head on (to) the south - держать курс на юг

the window opens on (to) the street - окно выходит на улицу

to turn one's back on (to) smb. - а) повернуться к кому-л. спиной; б) не желать иметь дела с кем-л.

he threw the papers on the table - он бросил бумаги на стол

the light shone on us - свет падал на нас

4) местонахождение или положение около или на границе чего-л. на; у, около

on the Continent - на материке (не на Британских о-вах)

on the horizon - на горизонте

on the street - **амер.** на улице

on the veranda(h) - на веранде

on the border - на границе

a cottage on a lake - домик у озера

to border on smth. - граничить с чем-л.

on the right - справа

on the right side of the road - по правую сторону дороги
houses on either side of the street - дома по обе стороны улицы
a house on the main road - дом около /у/ главной дороги

5) нахождение на такой-то реке (в географических названиях) на

Burton-on-Trent- Бертон-на-Тренте
Stratford-on-Avon- Стратфорд-на-Эйвоне

6) части света на

on the east - на востоке
on the west - на западе

2. во временном значении указывает на

1) какой-л. день, момент времени в, на

on Monday - в понедельник
on Tuesday week - (ровно) через неделю во вторник, в следующий вторник
on the next /following/ day - на следующий день
on any day - в любой день
on the day of my arrival - в день моего приезда
on time - **амер.** точно, вовремя
on the minute - минута в минуту
on the instant - тотчас же
on the point of - как раз
we were on the point of leaving when he came - мы как раз собирались уходить, когда он пришёл

2) дату - передаётся род. падежом:

on the 1st of May - первого мая
on or about the 12th - примерно двенадцатого (числа)
on and after the 15th - начиная с пятнадцатого (числа) включительно

3) часть дня в; передаётся тж. твор. падежом:

on the morning of the 3rd of March - утром третьего марта
on a rainy autumn evening - в дождливый осенний вечер, дождливым осенним вечером
on a dark night - тёмной ночью

4) последовательность событий после, по; с герундием передаётся тж. деепричастием:

on the death of his friend - после смерти его друга
cash on delivery - с уплатой при доставке; наложенным платежом
on reaching home - придя домой

5) одновременность событий во время; по

on a trip - во время поездки /путешествия/ [**ср. тж.** 8, 3])
on his rounds - во время его обхода
on his full age - по достижении им совершеннолетия

3. указывает на наличие чего-л. (при себе, с собой) у

I have no money on me - у меня при себе нет денег, у меня нет денег с собой
a pistol was found on him - у него нашли пистолет
she has two babies on her arms - у неё двое малышей (на руках); она с двумя маленькими детьми

4. указывает на предмет переговоров, спора, тему книги, лекции и т. п. о, относительно по (поводу), на

a decision [a debate] on smth. - решение [спор] по поводу чего-л.
agreement on smth. - соглашение по какому-л. вопросу
a book on birds - книга о птицах
a satire on society - сатира на общество
a lecture on history - лекции по истории
to write [to speak, to dwell] on smth. - писать [говорить, распространяться] о чём-л. /на какую-л. тему/

5. указывает на

1) условие на, при, в, под

on certain conditions /terms/ - на определённых условиях
on the condition that - при условии, что
on such terms - на таких условиях
on credit - в кредит
on one's own responsibility - под свою личную ответственность
to borrow money on mortgage - занимать деньги под закладную

2) основание, причину на, из, по, с, в; передаётся тж. твор. падежом:

on account of - вследствие, из-за
on no account - ни в коем случае
on smb.'s advice - по чьему-л. совету
on a charge of smth. - по обвинению в чём-л.
on (medical) evidence - по /согласно/ (медицинским) данным
on that ground ... - на том основании, что ...
on an impulse - в порыве, повинувшись порыву
on the occasion of smth. - по случаю чего-л.
on an order - по приказу, на основании приказа
on principle - из принципа
on purpose - с целью, специально, (пред)намеренно
on suspicion - по подозрению
to pride oneself on smth. - гордиться чем-л.

to congratulate smb. on smth. - поздравить кого-л. с чем-л.

3) источник из, по

on hearsay - по слухам

to have smth. on good authority - знать что-л. из достоверных источников

4) источник дохода, предмет обложения налогом и т. п. с, на

interest on one's capital - процент с капитала

profit on the sale of - доход с продажи (чего-л.)

tax on tobacco - налог на табак

6. указывает на

1) образ действия - передаётся тж. наречием (обыкн. с субстантивированным прилагательным):

on the cheap - по дешёвке

on the quiet - потихоньку, тайком

on the sly - тайком

on a sudden - внезапно

all on a tremble - весь дрожа, в сильном волнении

2) способ передачи по

on the telephone - по телефону

on television - по телевидению

to hear a song on the radio - услышать песню по радио

3) способ передвижения в, на; вместе с сущ. передаётся тж. наречием:

on an ocean liner - на океанском лайнере

on board a ship - на борту судна

on a truck - на грузовике

on a train - в поезде, поездом

on horseback - верхом

on tiptoe - на цыпочках

on foot - пешком

4) опору и т. п. на

on one's feet /legs/ - на ногах

on one's knees - на коленях

to spin /to turn/ on one's heel - повернуться на каблуках

to lean on smb., smth. - опираться на кого-л., что-л.

7. указывает на

1) инструмент, орудие на; передаётся тж. твор. падежом:

to play on an organ - играть на органе

he played something on the violin - он сыграл что-то на скрипке

to cut one's finger on a knife - порезать палец ножом

to dry one's hands on a towel - вытереть руки полотенцем

to count smth. on one's fingers - пересчитать что-л. по пальцам

to take a dog on a lead - вести собаку на поводке

her dress caught on a nail - её одежда зацепилась за гвоздь

2) топливо и т. п. на

the machine works on oil - машина работает на мазуте

8. указывает на

1) сферу деятельности, работу в каком-л. учреждении, в комиссии и т. п. на, в

he was a broker on the exchange - он был биржевым маклером

to be on the committee - быть членом комитета

to be on the staff - быть в штате

to work on a paper - работать в газете

he is on**General Motors** - он работает в фирме «Дженерал моторс»

2) нахождение в составе, числе и т. п. в

to be on the list - быть в списке

on the programme - в программе

on the repertoire - в репертуаре

3) пребывание в каком-л. состоянии, положении или на протекание процесса на, в, при

on leave - в отпуске

on sick-leave - на бюллетене

on half-pay - на половинном окладе

on trial - на испытании

on one's trial - под следствием

to be on strike - бастовать

to be on a trip - путешествовать [ср. тж. 2, 5]

to be on fire - быть в огне, пылать

I'm back on pills - я снова сел на лекарства

4) занятость чем-л. в данное время на, по, в

on business - по делу; в командировке

to send smb. on an errand - послать кого-л. с поручением /с заданием, с миссией/

on duty - при исполнении служебных обязанностей на дежурстве

5) характер отношений в, на

on good [bad] terms - в хороших [плохих] отношениях
not to be on speaking terms with smb. - не разговаривать с кем-л.
to be on a friendly footing with smb. - быть с кем-л. в дружеских отношениях

9. указывает на

1) средства существования на; *передается тж. твор. падежом:*

to live on one's earnings - жить на свой заработок
to live on one's parents' - быть на иждивении родителей

2) предметы питания на; *передается тж. твор. падежом:*

to live on vegetables - питаться овощами
they lunched on cutlets - на завтрак они ели котлеты

10. указывает на предмет расходов, траты и т. п. на

to spend money [time] on smth. - тратить деньги [время] на что-л.
to put money on a horse - ставить на лошадь (на скачках)

11. указывает на

1) объект действия к, на, над, для; *передается тж. дат. и род. падежами:*

to work on smth. - работать над чем-л.
to be fair [unfair] on smb. - быть справедливым [несправедливым] к кому-л.
pity on smb. - жалость к кому-л.
to have mercy on smb. - сжалиться над кем-л.
to take vengeance on smb. - отомстить кому-л.
an attack /an assault/ on smb., smth. - нападение на кого-л., что-л.
to confer a degree on smb. - присвоить кому-л. учёную степень
to confer a reward on smb. - наградить кого-л.
to impose a fine on smb. - наложить штраф на кого-л.
to complain /to tell/ on smb. - жаловаться /доносить/ на кого-л.
a burden on smb. - обуза для кого-л.
a strain on smb. - напряжение для кого-л.
hard work told on him - тяжёлая работа сказалась на нём
he was operated on - ему сделали операцию
I am on a new novel - я работаю над новым романом
it was hard kick on him - ему не повезло

2) лицо или учреждение, на которое выписан чек, куплены или заказаны билеты на

a check on a bank - чек на банк
two-way tickets on you and the whole team - билеты туда и обратно на вас и всю команду /для вас и для всей команды/

3) лицо, испытывающее неприятность, боль и т. п.:

she locked the door on him - она заперлась от него
don't hang up on me - не вздумай повесить трубку
don't die on me, please! - ≅ смотри, не умирай; не вздумай у меня умереть!

12. употребляется после

1) глаголов со значением полагаться, основываться, влиять и т. п. на, от

to rely [to count] on smb., smth. - полагаться [рассчитывать] на кого-л., что-л.
to depend on smb., smth. - зависеть от кого-л., чего-л.

2) прилагательных и причастий прошедшего времени (в предикативе), указывая на направленность интересов на что-л., склонность к чему-л., решимость - часто *передается твор. падежом:*

to be keen /mad/ on music - страстно увлекаться музыкой
he was bent /determined/ on making money - он поставил себе целью разбогатеть

13. указывает на неоднократное повторение за

mile on mile - миля за милей
loss on loss - потеря за потерей, одна потеря за другой

14. указывает на приблизительность, неточность почти, около

just on a year ago - так около года назад
just on £5 - почти пять фунтов

15. *уст.* указывает на переход в какое-л. состояние:

to fall on sleep - заснуть

16. в сочетаниях:

on the contrary - наоборот
on an /the/ average - в среднем
on the whole - в общем
on the one hand - с одной стороны
on the other hand - с другой стороны
on the spot - сразу
they hired him on the spot - они сразу же наняли его на работу
it put me on the spot - *разг.* это поставило меня в неприятное положение
on behalf of - от лица, от имени
on behalf of the company - от имени компании
on smb.'s part - с чьей-л. стороны
on one's own - один; без посторонней помощи
from then on you will be on your own - с этого момента ты будешь предоставлен сам себе /тебе никто не будет помогать/
on my word of honour - (под) честное слово
to have smth. on smb. - *амер.* а) иметь преимущество перед кем-л.; б) *разг.* иметь что-л. против кого-л.

I have nothing on him - а) я ничего против него не имею; б) у меня нет на него компрометирующего материала
 to drop in on smb. - *разг.* заходить /забегать/ к кому-л.
 to be on smb. - *разг.* подойти вплотную к кому-л.
 you can't see him until you're on him - вы не увидите его, пока не подойдёте к нему вплотную
 this is on me - за это плачу я
 to take it out on smb. - сваливать на кого-л.
 don't take it out on me, it's not my fault - не сваливайте на меня, я не виноват
др. сочетания см. под соответствующими словами

on

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on preposition, adverb *BrE* [ɒn] ¹ *NAmE* [ɑːn] ² *NAmE* [ɔːn] ³

preposition For the special uses of **on** in phrasal verbs, look at the entries for the verbs. For example **turn on sb** is in the phrasal verb section at **turn**.

1. in or into a position covering, touching or forming part of a surface

- a picture on a wall
- There's a mark on your skirt.
- the diagram on page 5
- Put it down on the table.
- He had been hit on the head.
- She climbed on to the bed. This could also be written onto the bed

2. supported by sb/sth

- She was standing on one foot.
- Try lying on your back.
- Hang your coat on that hook.

3. used to show a means of transport

- He was on the plane from New York.
- to travel on the bus/tube/coach
- I came on my bike.
- a woman on horseback

4. used to show a day or date

- He came on Sunday.
- We meet on Tuesdays.
- on May the first/the first of May
- on the evening of May the first
- on one occasion
- on your birthday

5. immediately after sth

- On arriving home I discovered they had gone.
- Please report to reception on arrival
- There was a letter waiting for him on his return.

6. about sth/sb

- a book on South Africa
- She tested us on irregular verbs.

7. being carried by sb; in the possession of sb

- Have you got any money on you?

8. used to show that sb belongs to a group or an organization

- to be on the committee/staff/jury/panel
- Whose side are you on (= which of two or more different views do you support) ?

9. eating or drinking sth; using a drug or a medicine regularly

- He lived on a diet of junk food.
- The doctor put me on antibiotics.

10. used to show direction

- on the left/right
- He turned his back on us.

11. at or near a place

- a town on the coast
- a house on the Thames
- We lived on an estate.

12. used to show the basis or reason for sth

- a story based on fact
- On their advice I applied for the job.

13. paid for by sth

- to live on a pension/a student grant
- to be on a low wage
- You can't feed a family on £50 a week.
- Drinks are **on me** (= I am paying) .

14. by means of sth; using sth

- She played a tune on her guitar.
- The information is available on the Internet.

• We spoke on the phone.

• What's on TV?

• The programme's on Channel 4.

15. used with some nouns or adjectives to say who or what is affected by sth

• a ban on smoking

• He's hard on his kids.

• Go easy on the mayo! (= do not take / give me too much)

16. compared with sb/sth

• Sales are up on last year.

17. used to describe an activity or a state

• to be on business/holiday/vacation

• The book is currently on loan.

18. used when giving a telephone number

• You can get me on 020 7946 0887.

• She's on extension 2401.

Word Origin:

Old English on, an, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **aan** and German **an**, from an Indo-European root shared by Greek **ana**.

Idioms: ↑it isn't on ▪ ↑on about something ▪ ↑on and on ▪ on at somebody ▪ ↑on for something ▪ ↑what are you on? ▪ ↑you're on

adverb For the special uses of **on** in phrasal verbs, look at the entries for the verbs. For example **get on** is in the phrasal verb section at **get**.

1. used to show that sth continues

• He worked on without a break.

• If you like a good story, read on.

2. used to show that sb/sth moves or is sent forward

• She stopped for a moment, then walked on.

• Keep straight on for the beach.

• From then on he never trusted her again.

• Please send the letter on to my new address.

3. on sb's body; being worn

• Put your coat on.

• I didn't have my glasses on.

• What did she have on (= what was she wearing) ?

4. covering, touching or forming part of sth

• Make sure the lid is on.

5. connected or operating; being used

• The lights were all on.

• The TV is always on in their house.

• We were without electricity for three hours but it's on again now.

6. happening

• There was a war on at the time.

• What's on at the movies?

• The band are on (= performing) in ten minutes.

7. planned to take place in the future

• The game is still on (= it has not been cancelled) .

• I don't think we've got anything on this weekend.

• I'm sorry we can't come— we've **got a lot on** .

8. on duty; working

• I'm on now till 8 tomorrow morning.

9. in or into a vehicle

• The bus stopped and four people got on.

• They hurried on to the plane.

see also ↑onto

more at off and on/on and off **at** ↑off adv.

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I. **on**¹ **S1 W1** /ɒn \$ ɑːn, ɒn^h BrE^h AmE^h preposition

[Language: Old English]

1. ON A SURFACE

a) touching a surface or being supported by a surface:

• Leave your things on the table over there.

• People were sunbathing on the grass.

• The little girl was sitting on her father's shoulders.

b) used to say that someone or something moves so that they are then touching or supported by a surface:

- snow falling on the mountainsides
 - He threw himself on the bed.
- 2. SUPPORTING YOUR BODY** used to say what part of someone's body is touching the ground or another surface and supporting their weight:
- She was on her feet in no time.
 - He was on his hands and knees searching for something.
 - Can you stand on your head?
- 3. PART HIT/TOUCHED** used to say what part of someone or something is hit or touched:
- I wanted to punch him on the nose.
 - Matt kissed her on the cheek.
- 4. WRITTEN/SHOWN** used to say where something is written or shown:
- There's a diagram on page 25.
 - He wrote his phone number on a piece of paper.
- 5. ATTACHED** attached to or hanging from something:
- She hung her coat on a hook.
 - Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- 6. PLACE** in a particular place:
- The town is right on the border.
 - Is there a water supply on the island?
 - He grew up on a ranch in California.
 - a store on Fifth Avenue
- 7. POSITION** in a particular position in relation to something else:
- You'll see the school on your left.
 - They live on the opposite side of the town.
- 8. LOOKING/POINTING** looking or pointing towards something or someone:
- His eyes were on the stranger standing in the doorway.
 - She trained her binoculars on the house.
- 9. DAY/DATE** during a particular day:
- They'll be here on Tuesday.
 - I was born on July 1st.
 - We'll see you on Christmas Eve.

GRAMMAR

Do not use **on** before 'this', 'last', or 'next' and a day of the week:

- The school reopened last Tuesday (NOT on last Tuesday).

- 10. AFFECTING/RELATING TO** affecting or relating to someone or something:
- a tax on cigarettes
 - his influence on young people
 - There will be new restrictions on the sale of weapons.
 - What effect will these changes have on the tourist industry?
- 11. ABOUT** about a particular subject:
- Do you have any books on India?
 - You can get information on local services by calling this number.
 - an international conference on global warming
- 12. ORDERS/ADVICE** as a result of someone's order, request, or advice:
- He was killed on the King's orders.
 - I accepted the offer on the advice of my lawyer.
- 13. EAT/DRINK** used to talk about what someone usually eats or drinks:
- They live mainly on beans, lentils, and rice.
 - Is your baby on solid food yet?
- 14. TRANSPORT**
- a) in or into a bus, train, plane etc **OPP off**:
- Did you manage to sleep on the plane?
 - Tommy should be on the six o'clock train.
 - She got on the first bus that came along.
- b) riding something:
- a statue of the King on horseback
 - I'll probably come on my bike.
- 15. MONEY** receiving money for a job or as a regular payment:
- He's on quite a good salary now.
 - She must be on at least £50,000 a year.
 - the difficulties faced by families on low incomes
- 16. FUEL** using a particular type of **↑fuel** or power:
- Most buses run on diesel.
 - Does it work on mains electricity?
- 17. MEDICINE/DRUGS** taking a particular drug or medicine regularly **OPP off**:
- Are you still on antibiotics?
 - The doctor put her on Prozac.
 - A lot of these kids are on heroin by the age of 12.
- 18. what's somebody on?** *spoken* used to say that someone is behaving in a very strange way, as if they are taking an illegal drug

19. **USING EQUIPMENT** using a machine or piece of equipment:

- He's been on the computer all afternoon.
- Is Rachel still on the phone?

20. **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** playing a musical instrument:

- He played a short piece on the piano.
- The album features Rick Wakeman on keyboards.

21. **RADIO/TELEVISION** being broadcast by radio or television:

- What's on TV tonight?
- Did you hear that programme on the radio last night?

22. **RECORDED** used to say in what form information is stored or music, films etc are recorded:

- The movie is now available on video and DVD.
- I always keep a backup copy on disk.

23. **ACTIVITY/JOURNEY** taking part in an activity or travelling somewhere:

- She's on a course all this week.
- I met him on vacation in Canada.
- My girlfriend is often away on business trips.

24. **INCLUDED** included in a group or team of people or in a list:

- Are you still on the management committee?
- Mr Edwards is no longer on the staff here.
- Whose team are you on?
- There was no steak on the menu.
- What's the next item on the agenda?

25. **WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS** *formal* as soon as someone has done something or as soon as something has happened:

- Couples are presented with a bottle of wine on their arrival at the hotel.
- All patients are examined on admission to the hospital.

on doing something

- What was your reaction on seeing him?

26. **COMPARED WITH SOMETHING** compared with another person or thing:

- This essay is a definite improvement on your last one.
- Sales are 10% up on last year.

27. **CARRYING SOMETHING** *informal* if you have something on you, you have it in your pocket, your bag etc:

- I don't have any money on me.

28. **PAY be on somebody** *spoken* used to say who is going to pay for something:

- The drinks are on me!
- Each table will get a bottle of champagne on the house (=paid for by the restaurant, hotel etc).

29. **TELEPHONE NUMBER** used to say what number you should use in order to telephone someone **SYN at American English**:

- You can contact me on this number.

30. **CAUSING SOMEBODY PROBLEMS** used when something bad happens to you, for example when something you are using suddenly stops working, or someone you have a relationship with suddenly leaves you:

- Suddenly the telephone went dead on me.
- Dorothy's first husband walked out on her.

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THESAURUS

- about** used when saying what the subject of something is: She's always talking about you. | In her novels she writes about life in South Africa. | There's something I wanted to ask you about.
- on** about a particular subject: a book on English grammar | a report on poverty in rural areas
- concerning/regarding** *formal* about: Prince Saïd answered questions concerning Kuwait's future. | The report raises a number of questions regarding food safety.
- with regard to** *formal* about – used especially when you want to start talking or writing about something: Dear Sir, I'm writing with regard to your advertisement in The Times.
- re** used in business letters and in emails to introduce the subject that you are going to write about: Re: Friday's meeting

II. on² S1 W1 BrE² AmE² adjective, adverb [not before noun]

1. **CONTINUING** used to say that someone continues to do something or something continues to happen, without stopping:

- We decided to play on even though it was snowing.
- He went on and on (=talked for a very long time) about his job all evening.

2. **FURTHER** if you move, walk etc on, you move forward or further towards something:

- If you walk on a little, you can see the coast.
- We drove on towards Manchester.

3. **LATER** later than or after a particular time:

- Now, 40 years on, this is one of the most successful theatres in the country.
- From that moment on I never believed a word she said.

4. **WEARING SOMETHING** if you have something on, you are wearing it:

- All he had on was a pair of tattered shorts.
- Put your coat on. It's freezing outside.

5. **ATTACHED** used to say that something is attached to something else, especially when it is in the correct position **OPP off**:

- Is the cover on properly?
- Remember to put the lid back on.

6. **WRITTEN** used to say that something is written somewhere:

- He was wearing a badge with his name on.

7. **TRANSPORT** in or into a bus, train etc **OPP off**:

The train stopped and two people got on.

8. **LIGHT/MACHINE** if a machine, light etc is on, it is operating **OPP off**:

- Who left all the lights on?
- The TV's on, but nobody seems to be watching it.
- He sat down at the desk and switched on the computer.

9. **BEING BROADCAST** if a radio or television programme etc is on, it is being broadcast:

- What time is 'Star Trek' on?

10. **EVENTS** if an event is on, it has been arranged and is happening or will happen **OPP off**:

- The transport union has confirmed that the strike is definitely on.
- I'd avoid the city centre – there's some kind of procession on.
- Is the party still on tonight or have they cancelled it?

11. **PERFORMING/SPEAKING** performing or speaking in public:

- You're on in two minutes.

12. **WORKING** if you are on at a particular time, you are doing your job at that time:

- I'm not on again until two o'clock tomorrow.

13. **have something on** *informal* if you have something on, there is something that you must do:

- I haven't got anything on tomorrow, so I could see you then.
- We've got a lot on at the moment.

14. **on and off** (*also off and on*) for short periods but not regularly over a long period of time:

- He's been smoking for ten years now, on and off.

15. **be/go/keep on at somebody** *informal* to keep complaining to someone or asking someone to do something, especially when this annoys them:

- I've been on at him to fix that cupboard for weeks now.
- I wish you wouldn't go on at me the whole time!

16. **be/go/keep on about something** *British English informal* to keep talking about something, in a way that is boring or annoying:

- He's always going on about money.
- I don't know what you're on about!

17. **be not on** *British English spoken* if something is not on, it is not acceptable or reasonable:

- I'm sorry, what you're suggesting is just not on!

18. **be on for something** *spoken* to be ready or willing to do something that someone has suggested:

- Right, how many of you are on for a drink after work?

19. **you're on** *spoken* used to tell someone that you accept a **bet** or an invitation to compete against them:

- 'I bet you £20 he won't turn up.' 'You're on!'

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