

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 111 – On, at, by, with, about

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# On, at, by, with, about

A

ON

on holiday

EX1: Jane isn't at work this week. She's **on holiday**.

on television

EX2: We watched the news **on TV**.

on the radio

EX3: We listened to the news **on the radio**.

on the phone

EX4: I spoke to Rachel **on the phone** last night.

on fire

EX5: The house is **on fire!** Call the fire brigade.

on time (= not late)

EX6: 'Was the train late?' 'No, it was **on time!**'

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**B**

**AT**

at (the age of) 21 / at 50 kilometers an hour / at 100 degrees etc.:

- EX7: Lisa got married **at 21**. (or... **at the age of 21**.)
- EX8: A car uses more petrol **at 120 kilometers an hour** than **at 90**.
- EX9: Water boils **at 100 degrees Celsius**.

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C

BY

**by car / by bus / by plane / by bike etc.:**

- EX10: Do you like travelling **by train**?
- EX11: Jane usually goes to work **by bike**.

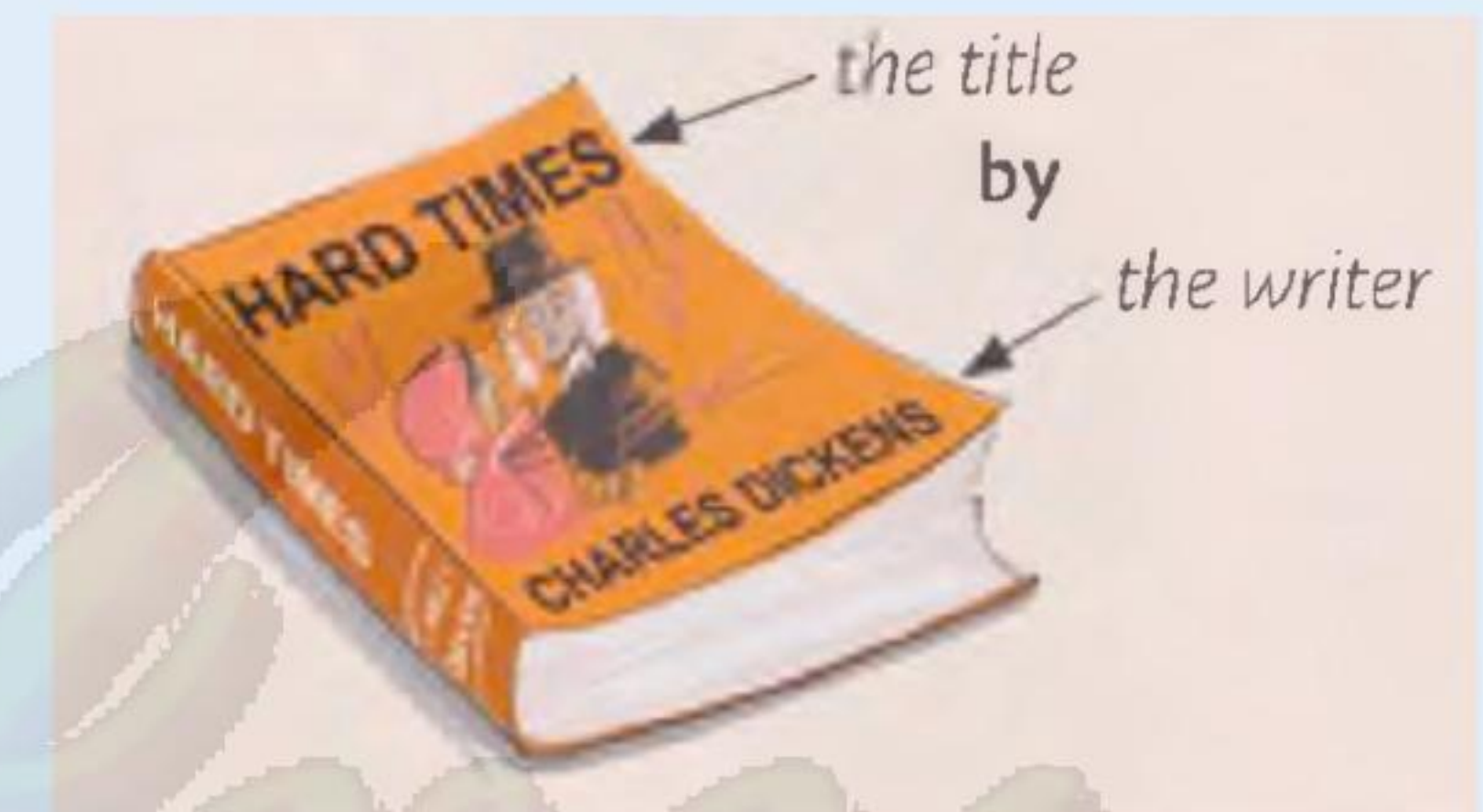
**but on foot:**

- EX12: You can't get there **by car**. You have to go **on foot**.  
(= you have to walk)



a book **by ...** / a painting **by ...** / a piece of music **by...** etc.:

- EX13: Have you read any books **by Charles Dickens**?
- EX14: **Who** is that painting **by**? Picasso?



**by** after the passive (—> Unit 21):

- EX15: I was bitten **by a dog**.

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## D

## WITH / WITHOUT

### with/without

- EX16: Did you stay at a hotel or **with friends**?
- EX17: Wait for me. Please don't go **without me**.
- EX18: Do you like your coffee **with** or **without milk**?
- EX19: I cut the paper **with a pair of scissors**.

a man **with** a beard / a woman **with** glasses etc.:

- EX20: Do you know that man **with the beard**?
- EX21: I'd like to have a house **with a big garden**.



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## E ABOUT

Talk / speak / think / hear / know about...

- EX22: Some people **talk about their work** all the time.
- EX23: I don't **know much about cars**.

a book / a question / a program / information (etc.) **about ...**

- EX24: There was a **program about** volcanoes on TV last night. Did you see it?

by → Units 21, 63, 109

at/on → Units 103, 106-107

preposition + -ing → Unit 112