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you could say " "A different number of waves is used for each test" or "Different numbers of waves are used for the tests. You second option does not work. [I'm not sure what waves you are talking about, but as an example:] If you used 3 waves in test 1, 6 waves in test 2, and 15 waves in test 3, you could say " "A different number of waves is used for each test" or "Different numbers of waves are used for the tests. You second option does not work. Thank you very much! Hello everybody! I came across a sentence: "In different times this profession was called differently". Is not it more correct to say "at different times"? Thank you! viatat, where did you see this sentence? It doesn't look to me like something a native English speaker would have written. What is the rest of the paragraph? You are correct that "at different times" is the more usual way to say "in other time periods" or "on other dates," but there are circumstances in which one might write "in different times." The preposition depends on what you mean by "times." There is a difference between times on the clock, e.g. 0700, 1430, 4 p.m., etc and periods of time such as "olden times," "modern times," etc. Times on the clock take "at," while periods such as "olden times," "modern times" takes "in." I take the context of your post to mean time periods, and takes "in." "In different times this profession was called differently." is certainly an awkward sentence. I don't think I've ever heard the phrase 'in different times,' but to me, besides being awkward, it is vague. That is, 'at different times' implies at more than one different time in the past, i.e. the profession has had multiple names at multiple times in the past. 'In a different time' would imply just one other time, like, 'in a different era'. 'In different times' leaves me guessing. I don't know if it's incorrect, but it is certainly vague. If I wanted to refer to something that happened at different times by the clock, that would be "at different times". If I wanted to say that Bill and Charlie didn't arrive at the same time, I might say "at different times". I might use it to refer to historical periods, but for that context "in different times" comes more naturally to mind. Here are a few examples from in different times. Many/most of the examples involve "live". We live in different times now and we have to change or fail. ... funded through 20, 30 or even 40 workless years by pensions which were designed in different times. Here are some examples from at different times. ... the Pittsburgh Steelers have relied on a variety of players at different times in the season... ... because they shot scenes at different times. ... and some of us like me can be mean at different times in our lives. Hmmmmmmmmm. Theory 1 Having read through a lot of examples, I formed the opinion that: ... when time=occasion, "at" is used... When time=period, "in" is used. I also formed the opinion that this is a generalisation, and that it is easy to find exceptions, especially in relation to the use of "at". Theory 2 There's something else (I've been looking at more examples). It's about the relevance of "different". When "different" is referring to the time itself, "at" is used. When "different" is referring to circumstances or conditions being different, "in" is used. I think I understand the general difference in the usage of prepositions regarding "time." However, I found myself struggling trying to describe a film called Mr. and Mrs. Smith. In several different scenes in the film, we see the eponymous characters at different stages of their marriage. If I wish to use the word "time" to talk about how the film is set, does the following sentence make sense? These scenes are set at different times of their marriage: some good, and others bad. Thank you as always, everyone! Last edited: Jul 31, 2021

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