

05 Times and dates

There are many ways of saying the time and the date in English. American and British English speakers often use different forms.

New language Precise times

Aa Vocabulary Dates in US and UK English

New skill Talking about times and dates

5.1 KEY LANGUAGE SAYING WHAT THE TIME IS

US English and informal spoken UK English use the 12-hour clock.



nine thirty

half past nine



three forty-five

quarter to four



nine twenty-five

twenty-five past nine



three fifty

ten to four



nine twenty-seven

twenty-seven minutes past nine



three fifty-one

nine minutes to four

Saying "minutes" shows you are being precise about the time.

You might hear the 24-hour clock in public transport announcements.

07:00

oh seven hundred

08:43

oh eight forty-three

16:26

sixteen twenty-six



5.2 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE TIMES IN THE PANEL

Sofia and Dylan are going to see a play. Dylan calls Sofia to say he will be late.



Dylan's train was due to arrive at 18:07.

3 The play starts at _____.

1 Dylan's train was due to leave at _____.

4 Sofia will wait for Dylan until _____.

2 The new arrival time of the train is _____.

5 The intermission of the play is at _____.

7:30pm

~~18:07~~

17:14

8:45pm

18:55

7:25pm

5.3 KEY LANGUAGE DATES

Dates in American English are usually written with the month first. Dates in British English are usually written with the day first.



US	UK
03/10/04	10/03/04
03/10/2004	10/03/2004
March 10, 2004	10 March 2004
March 10th, 2004	10th March 2004
March tenth, two thousand and four	the tenth of March, two thousand and four



Aa 5.4 MATCH THE US DATES WITH THE UK DATES

US	UK
07/08/2006	06/04/2006
1 April 6th, 2006	8 July 2006
2 06/02/2006	09/08/2006
3 August 9th, 2006	6th May 2006
4 05/06/2006	2nd June 2006

5.5 LOOK AT THE POSTER, THEN RESPOND TO THE AUDIO, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

What time does the music start?

At 12 o'clock.

1 When does the music finish every day?

2 What date does the festival begin?

3 What date does the parking lot close?

4 What time do the campsites close?



05 CHECKLIST

Precise times ☐

Aa Dates in US and UK English ☐

Talking about times and dates ☐

06 Contact details

Telephone numbers, street addresses, email addresses, and web addresses are expressed in slightly different ways in US and UK English.

⚙️ **New language** Letters and numbers

Aa **Vocabulary** Contact details

👤 **New skill** Exchanging personal information

6.1 VOCABULARY CONTACT DETAILS

Diagram illustrating contact details for Mr. Robert Thomas Johnson, with labels for various parts of the information:

- title**: Mr.
- first name**: Robert
- middle name**: Thomas
- last name**: Johnson
- house number**: 80
- street address**: Elm Drive
- town**: Birmingham
- country**: US
- state**: AL
- zip code (US) / postcode (UK)**: 03337
- cell phone number (US) / mobile number (UK)**: 1 (617) 555-5351
- email address**: rob.johnson@webmail.net

6.2 PRONUNCIATION WEBSITES AND EMAILS

In spoken English, ".com," "@," and ".co.uk" are pronounced as follows:

www.domain.com gill.smith99@domain.com gill.smith99@domain.co.uk

dot com at domain dot com at domain dot co dot UK



6.3 READ THE BUSINESS CARD AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES



What is Mr. Smith's first name?

His first name is Jonathan.

1 What is his middle name?

2 What is his house number?

3 What town does he live in?

4 What is his zip code?

5 What is his cell phone number?



6.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND WRITE THE PLACE NAMES THAT ARE SPELLED OUT

Illinois

6 _____

1 _____

7 _____

2 _____

8 _____

3 _____

9 _____

4 _____

10 _____

5 _____

11 _____



6.5 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BY SPELLING THE PLACE NAMES OUT LOUD

How do you spell "Northville?"

N-O-R-T-H-V-I-L-L-E

1 How do you spell "Chicago?"

2 How do you spell "Madagascar?"

3 How do you spell "Beijing?"

4 How do you spell "Arkansas?"

6.6 PRONUNCIATION NUMBERS

In American English, the number "0" is pronounced "zero," and repeated numbers are said individually. In British English, many different pronunciations are possible for 0 and rows of repeated numbers.

zero
"oh"
0
nought

four four
forty-four
44
double four

five five five
treble five
555
triple five
five double five



6.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Joe is swapping contact details with the new friends he met on his trip around the world.

What is Steve and Eva's street address?

100a Valley Road

1 What is Steve and Eva's phone number?

2 What is Raj's house number?

3 What is Raj's email address?

4 What state does Will live in?

5 What is Will's zip code?

6 What is Joe's street address?

7 What is Joe's postcode?

6.8 PRONUNCIATION VOWEL SOUNDS

The names that you heard in the dialogue include different vowel sounds. Practice saying the names below, then listen and repeat.

Eva

Joe

Steve

Willi

Raj



6.9 LOOK AT THE LUGGAGE TAG, THEN RESPOND TO THE AUDIO, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

Who does the missing luggage belong to?

Jude Jones



1 What is the name of her street?

2 Spell out the name of her town.

3 What's her mobile number?

4 What is her email address?

06 CHECKLIST

Letters and numbers ☐

Aa Contact details ☐

Exchanging personal information ☐

REVIEW THE ENGLISH YOU HAVE LEARNED IN UNITS 1-6

NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNIT
QUESTION TAGS	The music is very loud, isn't it? The music isn't very loud, is it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1, 1.3
PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE	I live on an island off the coast of Australia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1
FRACTIONS	The stadium was only $\frac{3}{4}$ full.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1
DECIMALS AND PERCENTAGES	According to our survey, 55.5% of people exercise more than twice a week.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2, 4.3
TIMES AND DATES	The meeting took place at half past two on Monday, April 6 .	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.1, 5.3
CONTACT DETAILS	My email address is rob@webmail.net.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.1