

11 Telling the time

There are two ways of saying the time in English. You can use hours and minutes, or you can say the minutes first and state their relation to the hour.

New language Times of day

Vocabulary Words for time

New skill Saying what the time is

11.1 KEY LANGUAGE TELLING THE TIME

Use the verb "to be" when giving or asking the time in English.

What time is it?

It's five.



It's five o'clock.

It's five fifteen.



It's a quarter past five.

US English can use "quarter after" instead of "quarter past."

It's five thirty.



It's half past five.

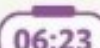
It's five forty-five.



It's a quarter to six.

You can leave out the "a" before "quarter."

It's six twenty-three.



11.2 VOCABULARY TIMES OF DAY



midnight



noon



3 am



3 pm



Aa

11.3 MATCH THE CLOCKS TO THE TIME PHRASES

1   It's midnight.

2  It's seven o'clock.

3  It's two thirty.

4  It's half past three.

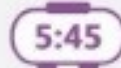
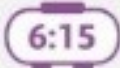
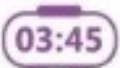
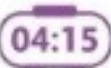
5  It's ten thirty.

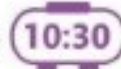
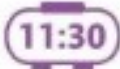
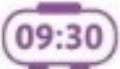
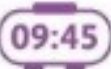
6  It's quarter to twelve.

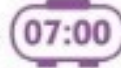
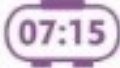
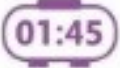
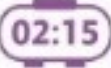
7  It's a quarter past nine.



11.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MARK THE TIMES YOU HEAR

1   ①  

2   ④  

3   ⑤  



11.6 WRITE DOWN THE TIMES, THEN SAY THEM OUT LOUD

 *It's quarter past nine.* 

1   

2   

3   

4   

5   



11.5 WRITE THE TIMES IN FIGURES

It's a quarter to five. = 4:45

1 It's nine o'clock. = _____

2 It's one fifteen. = _____

3 It's three twenty-five. = _____

4 It's half past two. = _____

5 It's a quarter past twelve. = _____



11 CHECKLIST

Times of day ☐Aa Words for time ☐Saying what the time is ☐