

Clock Introduction — Reading Hours

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Introduction to telling time using an analog clock. The child learns the parts of a clock (face, numbers, hour hand, minute hand) and how to read the hour when the minute hand points to 12.

What You Need:

- Teaching clock with moveable hands
- Clock face worksheet (optional)
- Paper and pencil
- Real analog clock or watch for comparison

Steps:

1. Present a teaching clock with moveable hands.
2. 'A clock tells us WHAT TIME it is. Let's learn its parts.'
3. Identify: the face (circle), the numbers (1-12), the short hand (HOUR hand), the long hand (MINUTE hand).
4. 'The SHORT hand tells the HOUR. When the long hand points straight up to 12, we read the hour.'
5. Set the clock to 3:00. 'The short hand is on 3. The long hand is on 12. It is 3 o'clock!'
6. Practice reading: 1:00, 5:00, 8:00, 12:00, 6:00.
7. 'What time do you eat breakfast? What time do you go to bed? Let's show those times on the clock!'

Work Space:

