

Clock — Reading Half Hours

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Building on the hour introduction, the child learns to read the half hour on an analog clock. They discover that when the minute hand points to 6, it means 'half past' — the minute hand has traveled halfway around the clock face.

What You Need:

- Teaching clock with moveable hands
- Clock face worksheets (optional)
- Paper and pencil
- Daily schedule chart

Steps:

1. Review o'clock times: 'When the long hand is on 12, it is exactly the hour.'
2. 'Now watch what happens...' Move the minute hand from 12 all the way to 6. 'The minute hand went HALFWAY around! It is HALF PAST the hour.'
3. Set to 3:30. The short hand is between 3 and 4. The long hand is on 6. It is half past 3, or three-thirty.'
4. Explain: 'Half past means 30 minutes have gone by — half of 60 minutes.'
5. Practice: 1:30, 5:30, 8:30, 10:30, 12:30.
6. Mix o'clock and half-past: 'What time is this?' Show random times.
7. 'What do you do at these times in your day?'

Work Space:

