

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:

A large, dashed rectangular frame occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to draw a clock face and practice reading hours.

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