



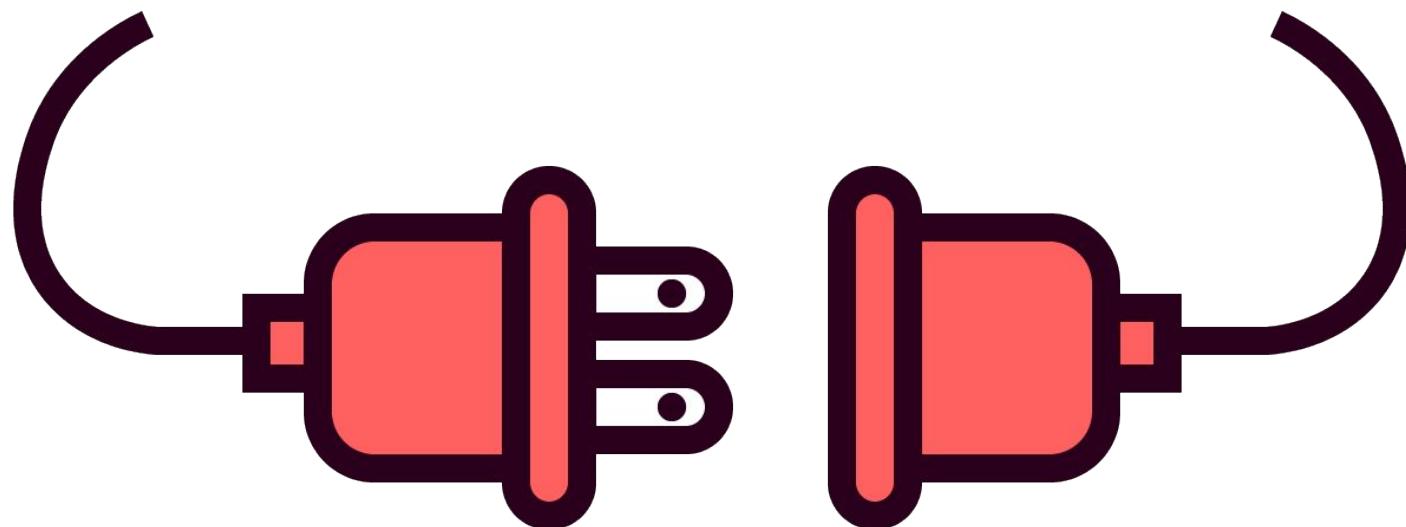
Basic
English Course A2:
**Articles and modal
verbs**

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Basic connectors

And / but / or

Connectors



AND / BUT / OR

AND - Addition

- I like to drink coffee **and** tea.
- My sister watches series **and** movies.
- Miranda bought a new swimsuit, sunglasses, **and** a hat.

BUT - Contrast

- I like to drink coffee, **but** not tea.
- My sister watches series, **but** I watch movies.
- Miranda bought a new swimsuit and sunglasses, **but** she didn't buy a hat.

OR - Options

- You can drink coffee **or** tea.
- Does your sister watch series **or** movies?
- Miranda needs to choose one: a new swimsuit **or** a hat.

Speaking exercise

Basic connectors

Question 1



What do you like to eat?



I like to eat
hamburgers and
french fries.

Question 2



Which one do you prefer?



I don't know if I prefer this one or that one.

Question 3



What is your
favorite color?



I have two. Blue and
yellow.

Question 4



Do you like cats?



I like cats, **but** I don't like dogs.

Question 5



What are you doing tomorrow? You don't have much time.



I'm going to the movies or I'm going shopping.

Question 6



Do you eat
tomatoes?



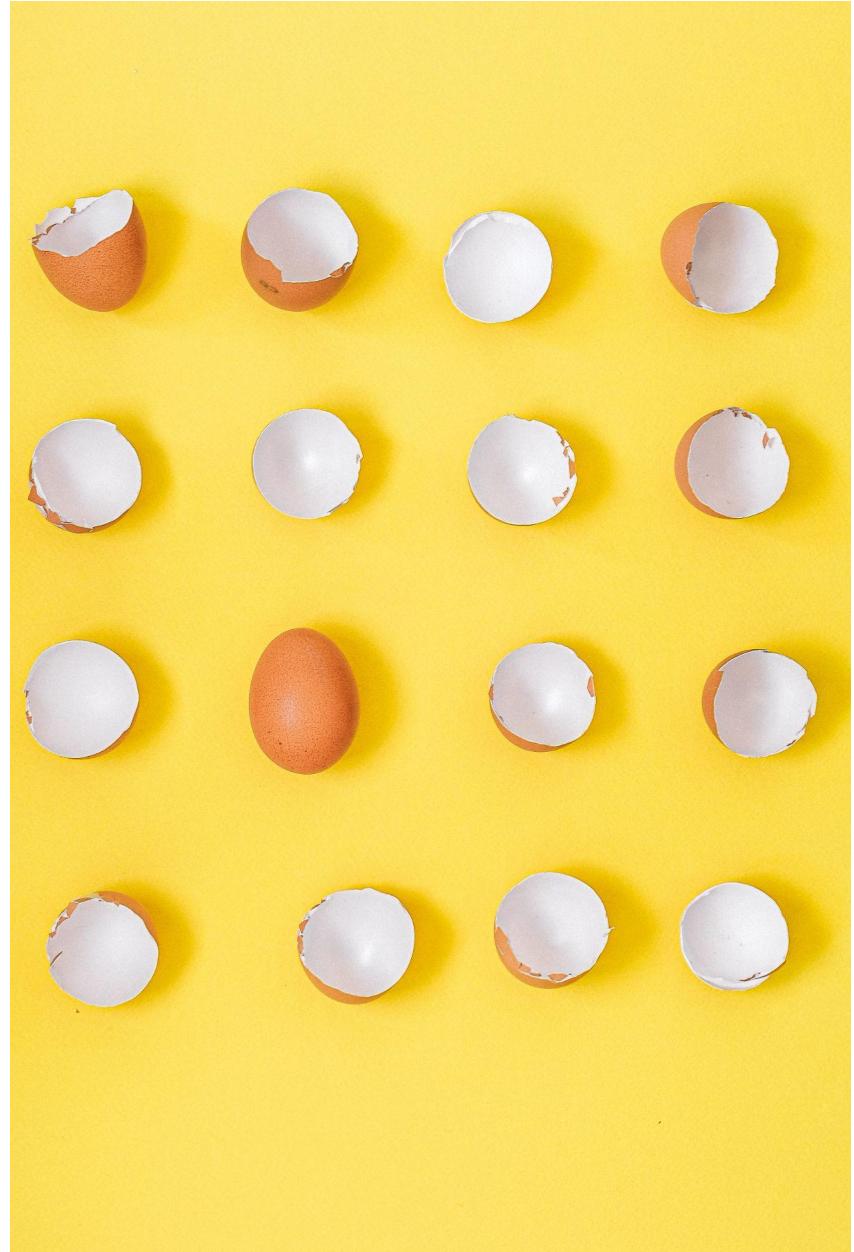
Yes, I do. But I don't
eat onions.

“THE”

Definite article

Refer to specific...

- People
- Things
- Situations



Specific people

- **Only one, unique:**
 - The Pope lives in Vatican city.
 - The CEO of that company.
- **Particular person:**
 - The teacher who works here.

Specific people

- **Groups of people:**
The Spanish make wine.
- **Families:**
My uncle lives next to the Jacksons.

Specific things

- **Musical instruments:**
I can play the piano.
- **Only one in the place:**
Where is the bathroom?
- **Particular place:**
I live in the blue house across the street.

Specific things

- **Famous monuments, buildings, museums, etc.:**
The Eiffel tower is in Paris.
- **Hotels, bars and restaurants (not named after a person)**
I'm staying at The Plaza.
- **Unique things:**
I love looking at the sky.

Specific situations

- **Ordinal numbers:**
It's the second time I call you.
- **Decades:**
I was born in the 80's.

Specific situations

- **Geographical areas, groups of rivers, mountain ranges, oceans, etc.:**
The cruise crossed the Atlantic.
- **Countries (plural names / “republic” / “kingdom” / “states”)**
Erick is from the Philippines.

NOT to use

- **Name of cities and countries (except the ones mentioned before)**
I live in New York.
- **Years:**
Sally was born in 1993.
- **Professions:**
I study medicine.

NOT to use

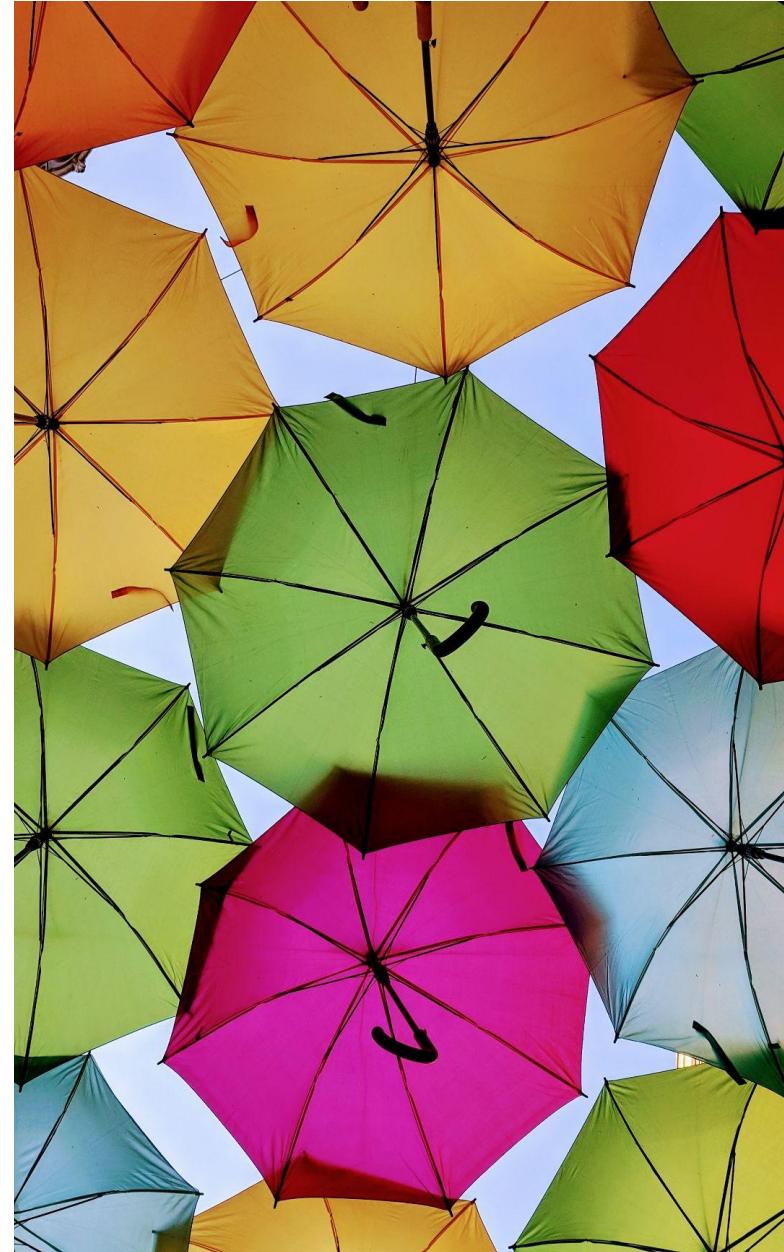
- **People's names and titles combined with names:**
Queen Elizabeth lives in London.
- **Meals:**
Breakfast is my favorite meal.
- **Languages:**
Portuguese is a beautiful language.

Weather conditions

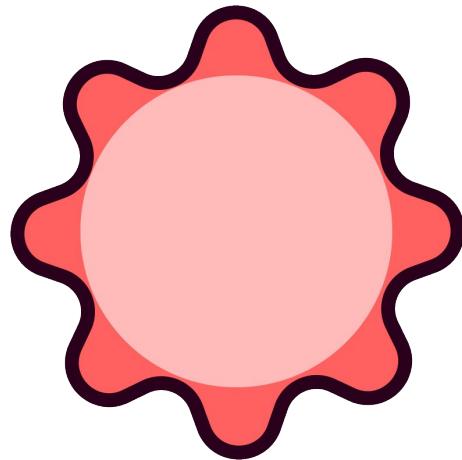
Using “it’s”

Impersonal subject

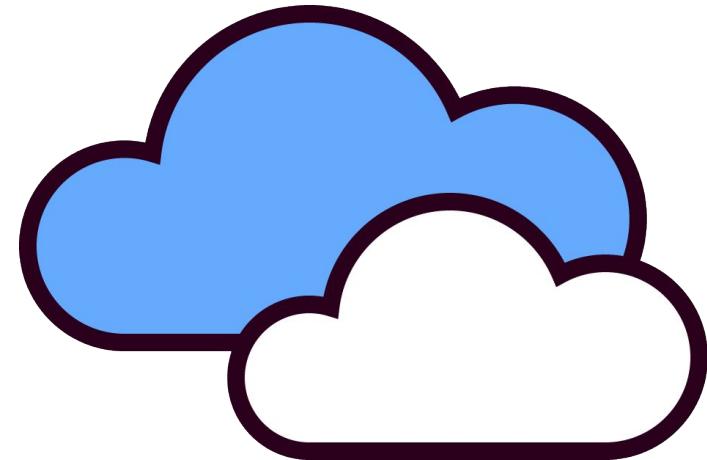
- It's + condition
- The weather is + condition



Weather



It's sunny.



It's cloudy.

Weather

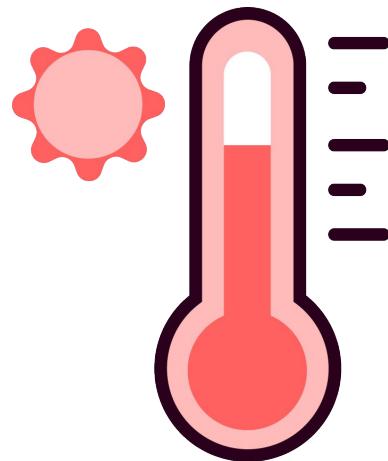


It's rainy.

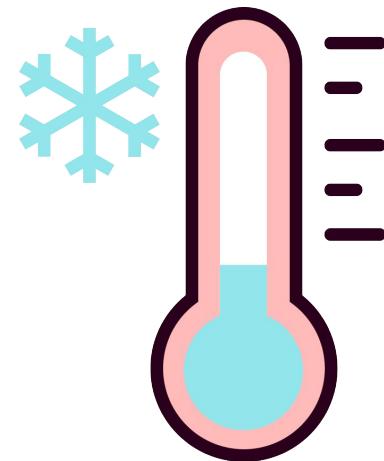


It's windy.

Weather



It's hot.



It's cold.

Listening exercise

Weather conditions

(NOT) Here / There

Adverbs of place

HERE vs. THERE



Speaker's point of
view.



Listener's point of
view.

Here

Refers to the place where the speaker is.

- The remote control is in here.
- There aren't many apples here.
- There is nobody here.

There

Refers to the place where the listener is.

- The remote control is in there.
- There aren't many apples there.
- There is nobody there.

Frequency

Forming questions

Asking about frequency



How often... ?

How often + do/does +
subject + verb ?

Examples

How often do you go to the gym?

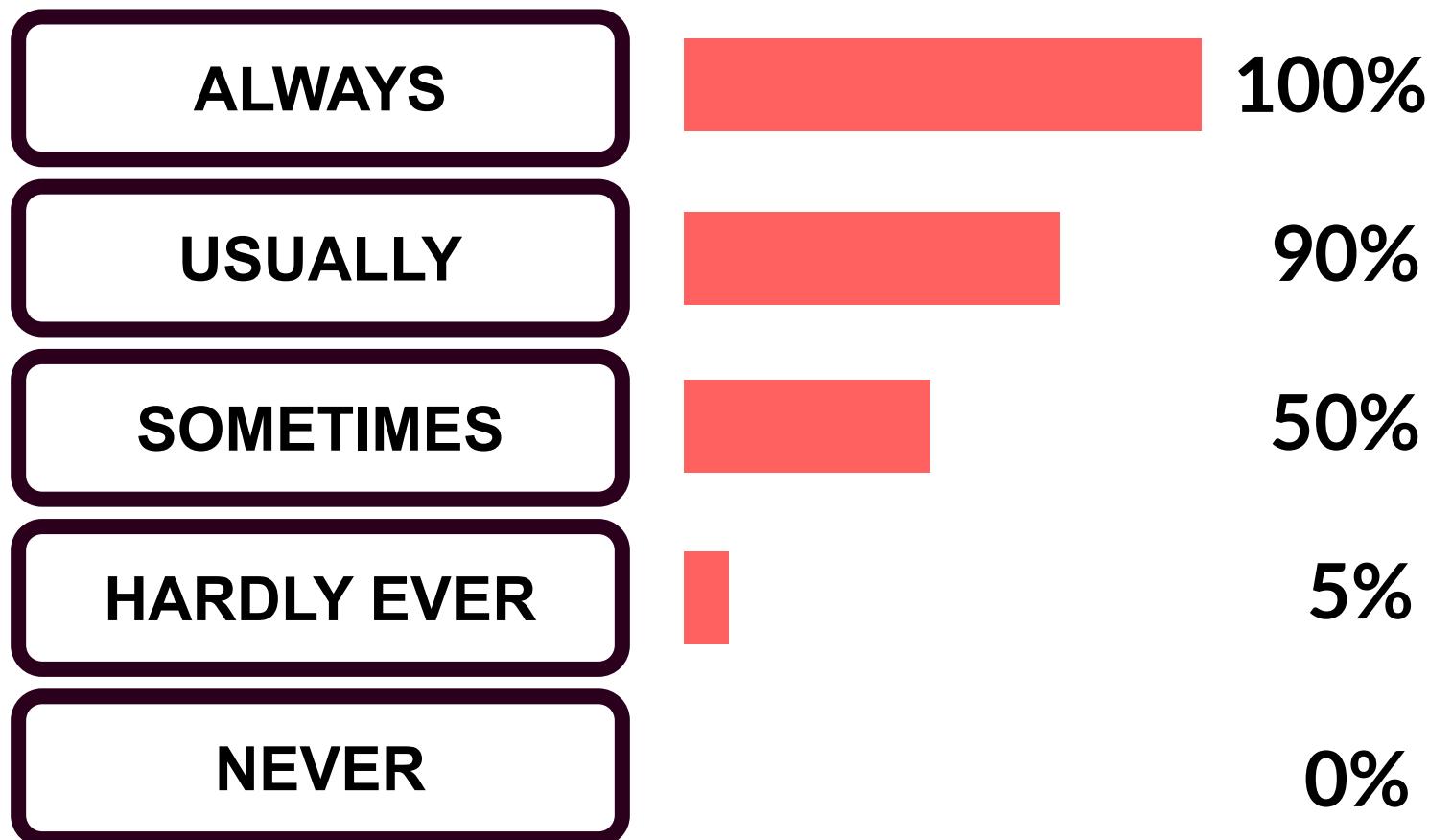
How often does Sammy wash the dishes?

How often do your siblings visit you?

How often does she go to the park?

Adverbs of frequency

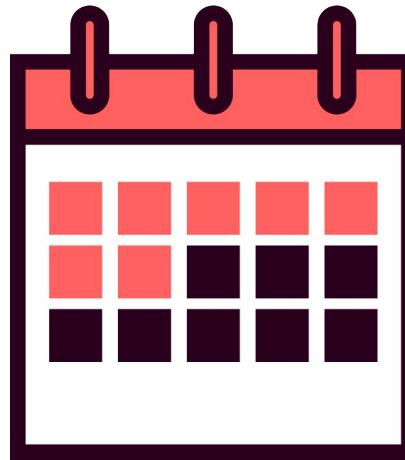
Adverbs of Frequency



Frequency



Time expressions



Adverbs
of
frequency

Be careful - adverb position

- **Before the main verb**

She never smokes.

They usually come here at night.

- **After the verb be**

He is always hungry.

You are hardly ever right.

Speaking Exercise

Frequency

Question 1



How often do you
take a shower?



I ___ take a shower.

Question 2



How often does your family have dinner together?



We ___ have dinner together.

Question 3



How often does your
best friend visit you?



My best friend ___
visits me.

Question 4



How often do you go
to the supermarket?



I ___ go to the
supermarket.

Question 5



How often do you
listen to music?



I __ listen to music.

Question 6



How often does your teacher give you homework?



My teacher ___ gives me homework.

On vacation

Roleplay - modules 1 to 5

Can and Can't

Permission

Permission

- Ask
- Give
- Deny



Asking for permission

- Can I go now?
- Can we go to the game tomorrow?
- Can I go to the bathroom, please?
- Can they go home early today?

Giving permission

- You can go now.
- You can go to the game tomorrow.
- Yes, you can go to the bathroom.
- Sure, they can go home early today.

Denying permission

- You can't go now.
- You can't go to the game tomorrow.
- No, you can't go to the bathroom.
- They can't go home early today.

Can

Offer, request, suggestion

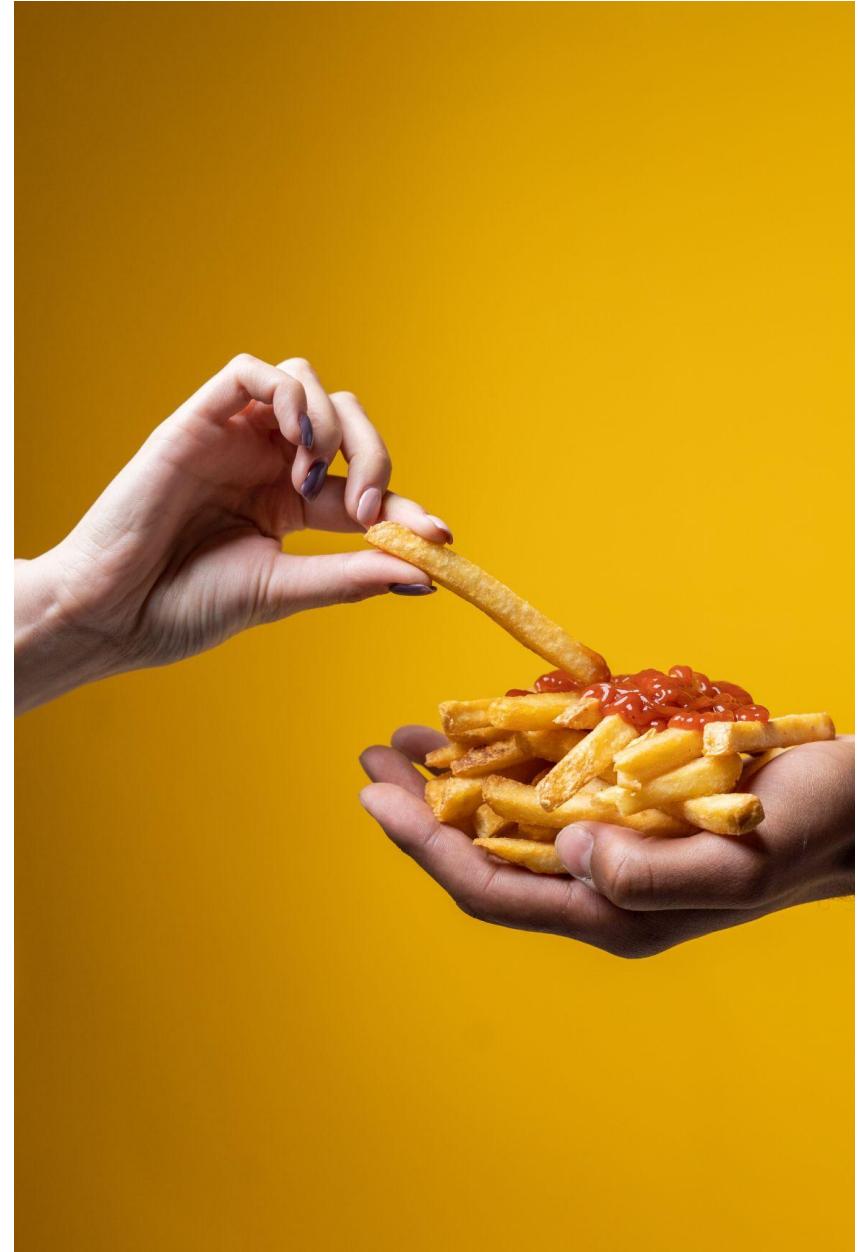
Offers

- Can I help you?
- Can I give you a hand?
- Can I get you something to eat?



Requests

- Can we finish this tomorrow?
- Can you give him one more?
- Can you help me here, please?



Suggestions

- Can you tell her you're sorry?
- You can ask her for the money.
- You can stay there if it's raining.

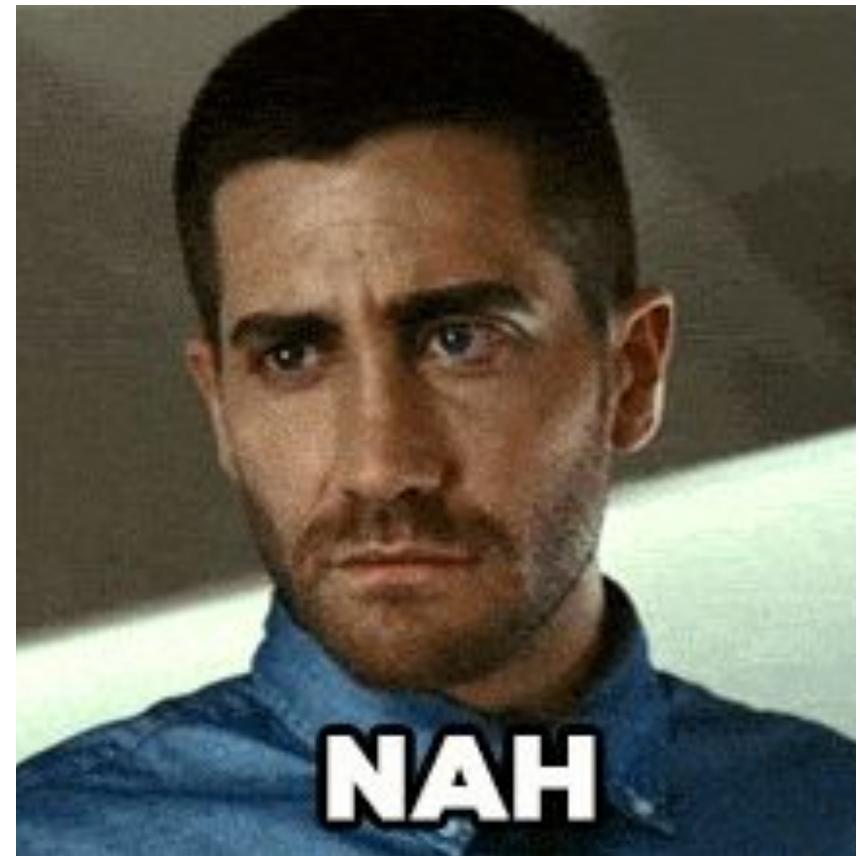


Can't

Decline offers and invitations

Decline offers

- Thanks, but I can't have any sugar.
- I'm afraid I can't drink this.



Decline invitations

- It'd be great, but I can't go on Saturday.
- Sorry. We can't be there tomorrow.



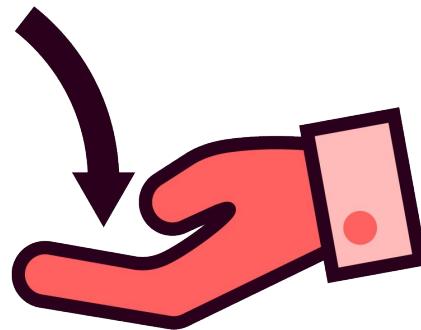
Making requests

Would like

Would like



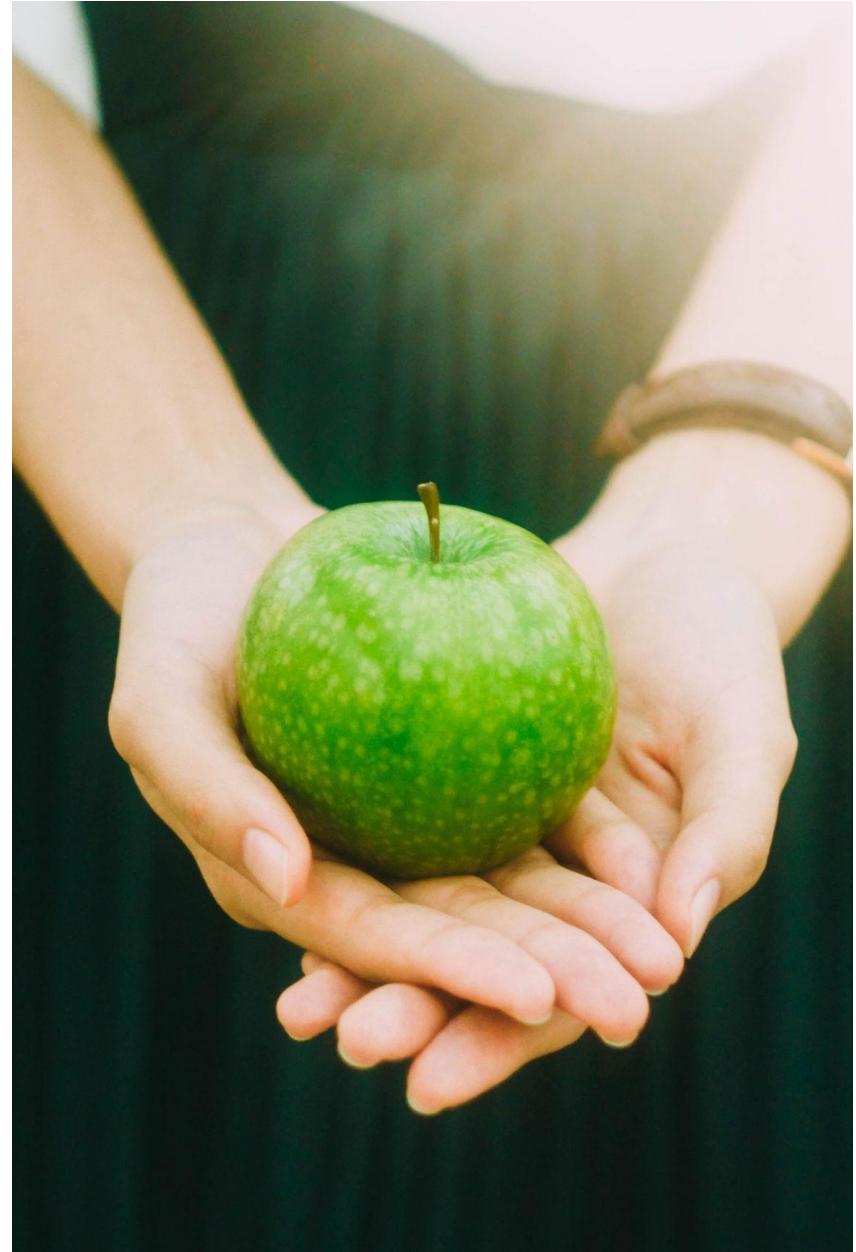
Offers



Requests

Offers

- Would you like some coffee?
- Would they like more information?



Requests

- I would like a beer, please.
- I'd like that one.



Making requests

Could

Can or could?



Can



Could

Requests

- Could we finish this tomorrow?
- Could you give him one more?
- Could you help me here, please?

What time is it?

How to tell the time

What time is it?



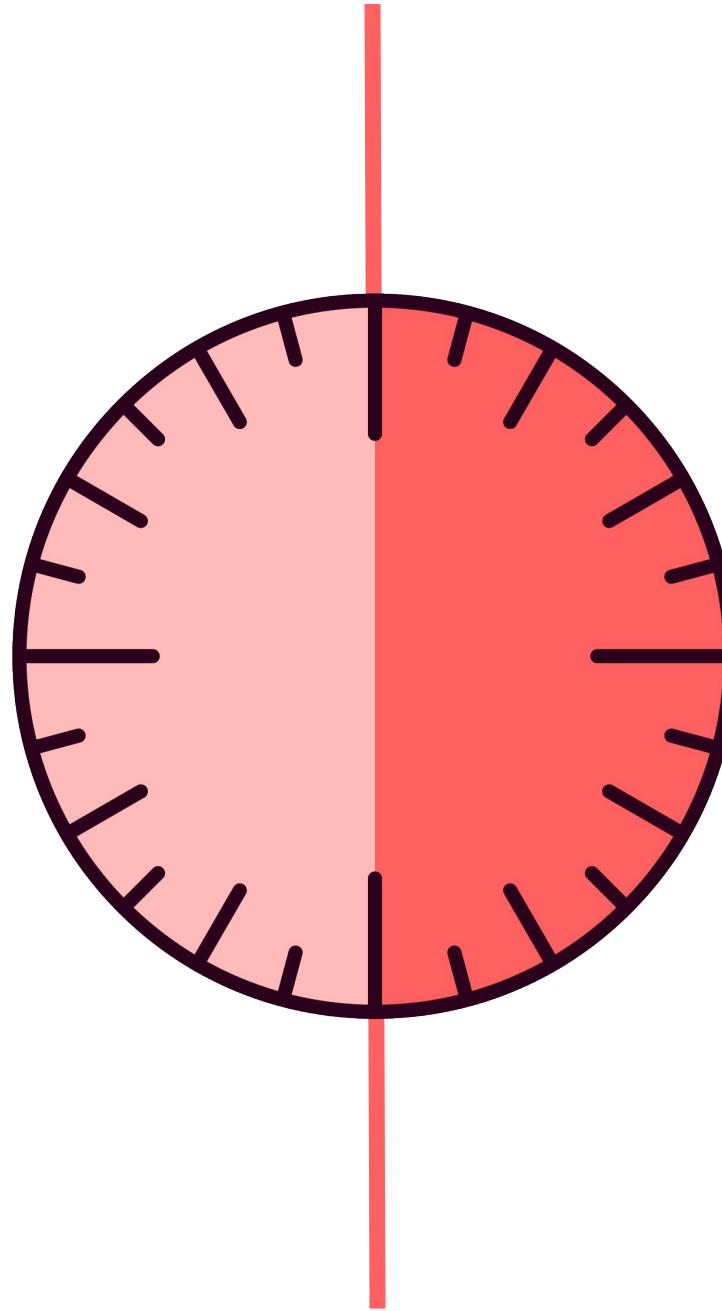
Numbers: It's seven
o'clock.



Past / to: It's ten to
two.

minutes
left

To
next
hour

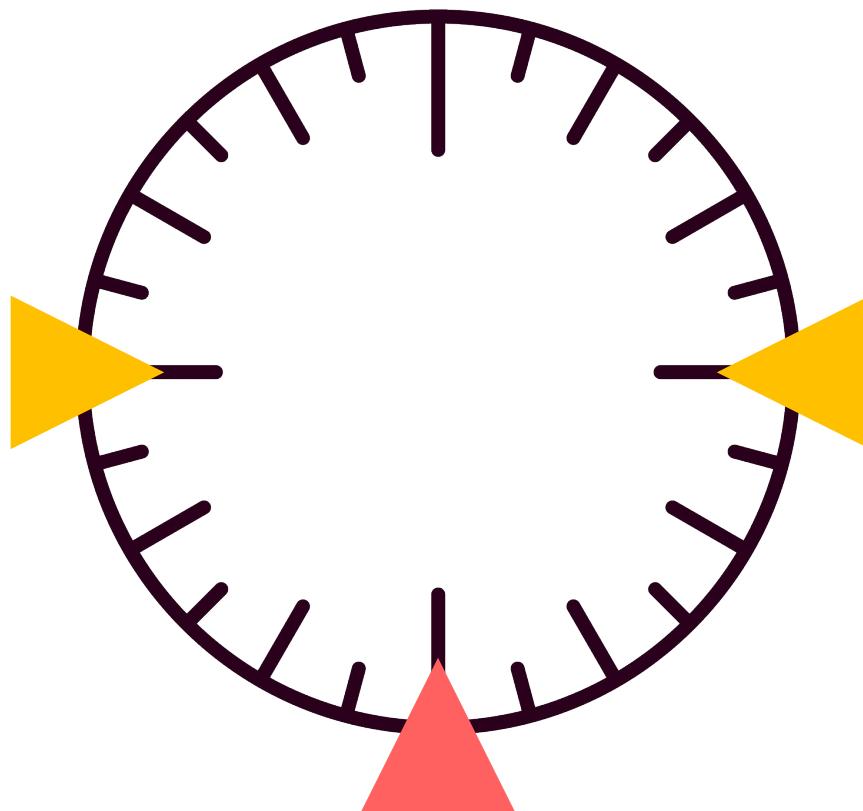


minutes

Past /
After
hour

A quarter

Half

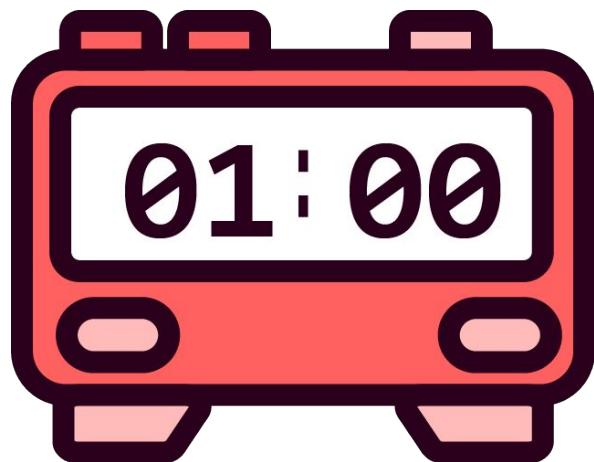


Let's practice



NOW YOU TRY IT.

1:00

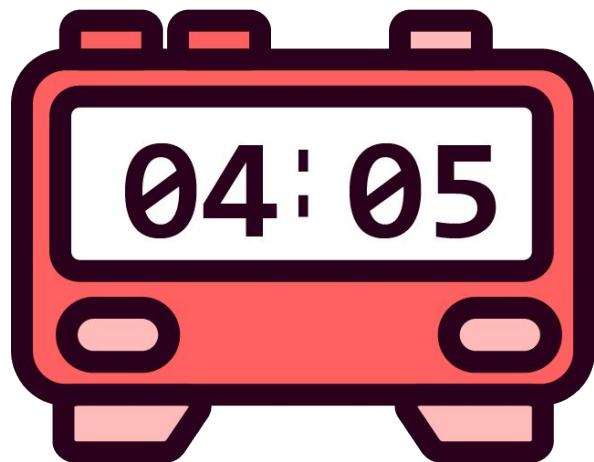


It's 1 o'clock.



It's 1 o'clock.

4:05

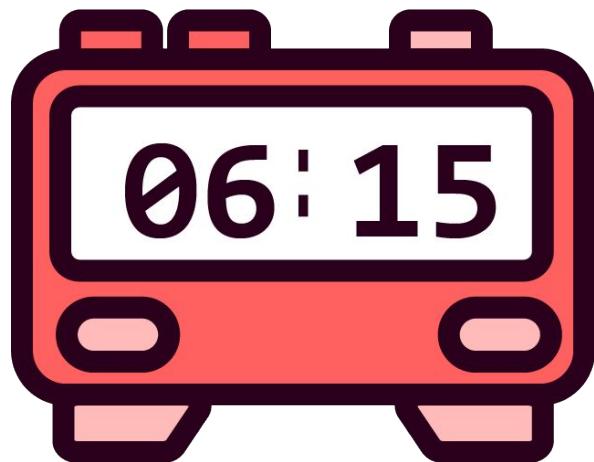


It's four oh five.

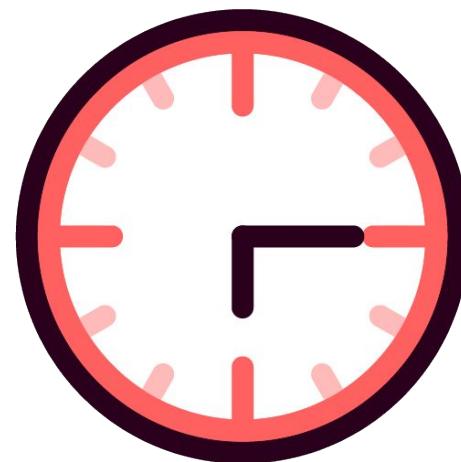


It's five past/after
four.

6:15

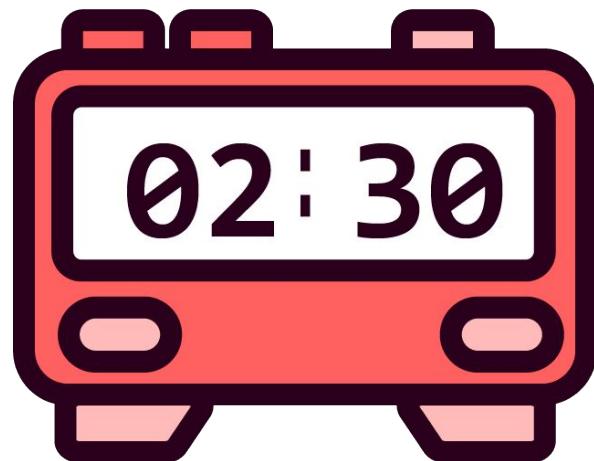


It's six fifteen.

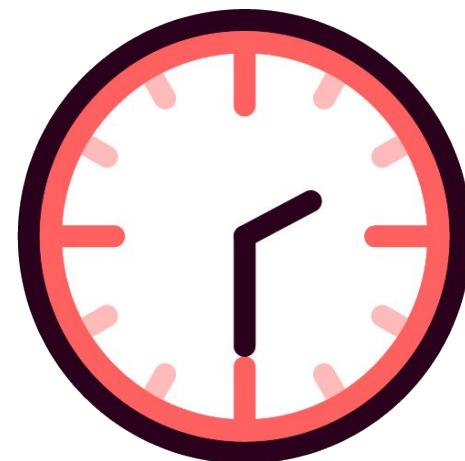


It's a quarter
past/after six.

2:30



It's two thirty.



It's half past two.

11:45

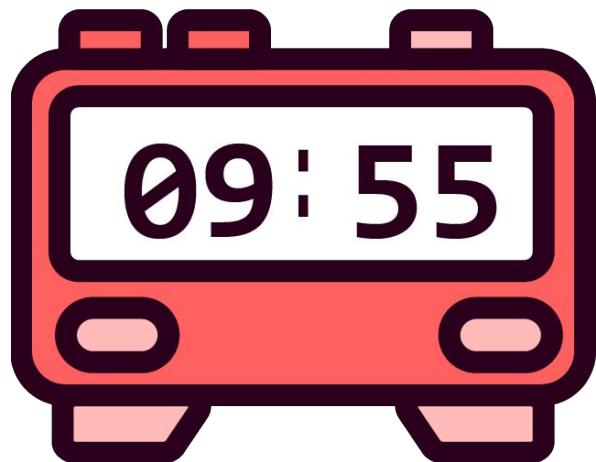


It's eleven forty-five.



It's a quarter to
twelve.

9:55



It's nine fifty-five.

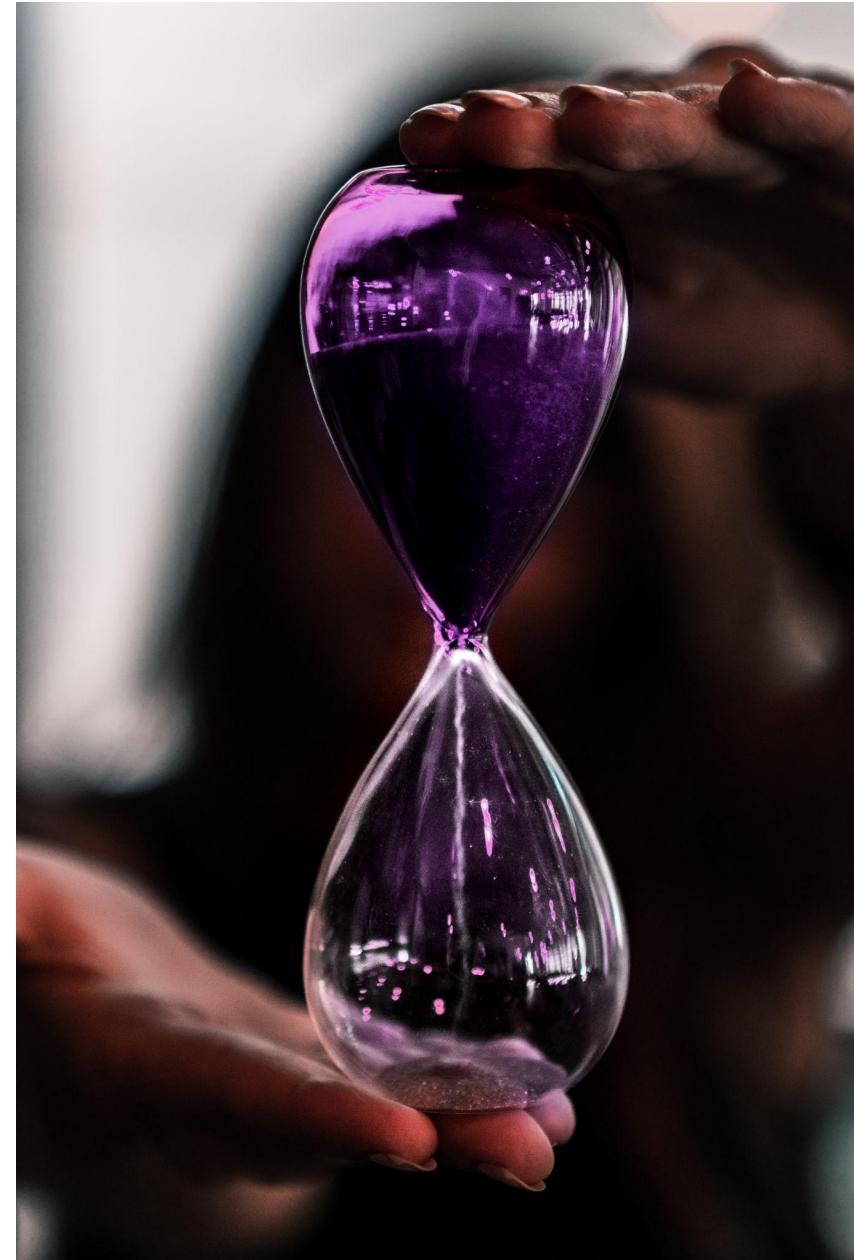


It's five to ten.

Time expressions

Time expressions

- Past
- Present
- Future



Time expressions

- Yesterday
- Today
- Tomorrow
- Now, later
- Morning, night
- 10 o'clock
- 2020
- Monday, Tuesday...
- Last / This / Next Day
- Week
- Weekend
- Month
- Year
- Decade

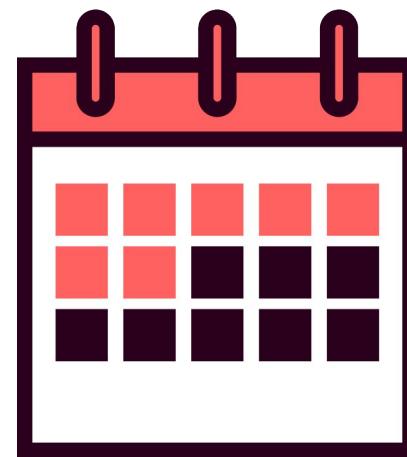
This + time expression

- John has to finish his course **this week**.
- We are going shopping **this weekend**.
- **This afternoon** they are fixing it.
- You only have until the end of **this month** to do it.

Prepositions

At vs. On

Prepositions



AT

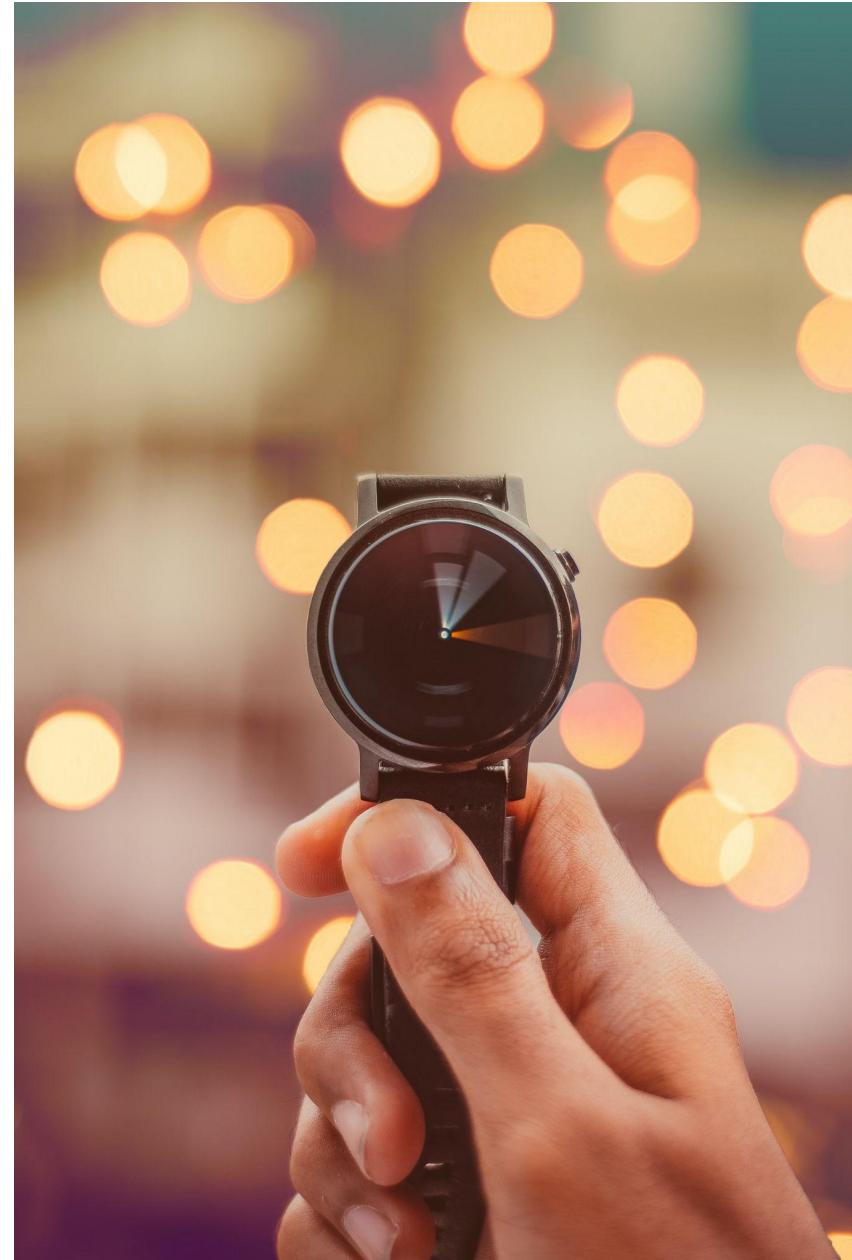
Precise time

ON

Days and dates

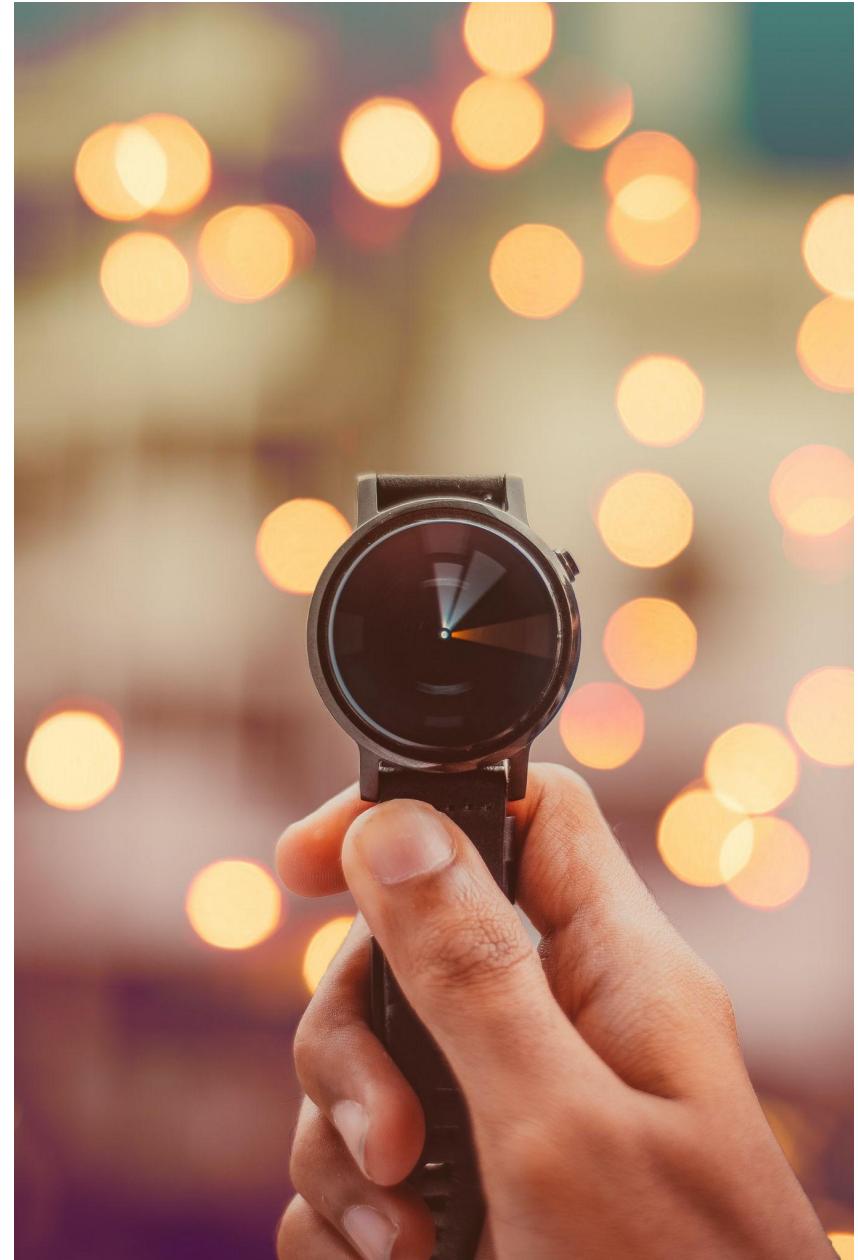
At

- **Time:**
at 1pm
at noon
at 3:45
- **Holidays:**
at Christmas
at Easter



At

- **Mealtimes:**
at lunch
at dinner
- **Specific times:**
at sunrise
at the moment
at bedtime



On

- **Dates:**
on April 15th
on December 22nd
- **Days:**
on Saturday
on Monday



On

- **Parts of specific days:**
on Friday night.
on Tuesday morning.
- **Special dates:**
on my birthday.
on Christmas day.



Listening exercise

Time

How to do things

Asking how to do things



How do you... ?

Examples

- **How do you open this?**
- **How do you go to the mall?**
- **How do you say that in Spanish?**
- **How do you spell your name?**

Roleplay 2

At the restaurant

Let's review

Checklist



Review the course



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