

# Telling the Time

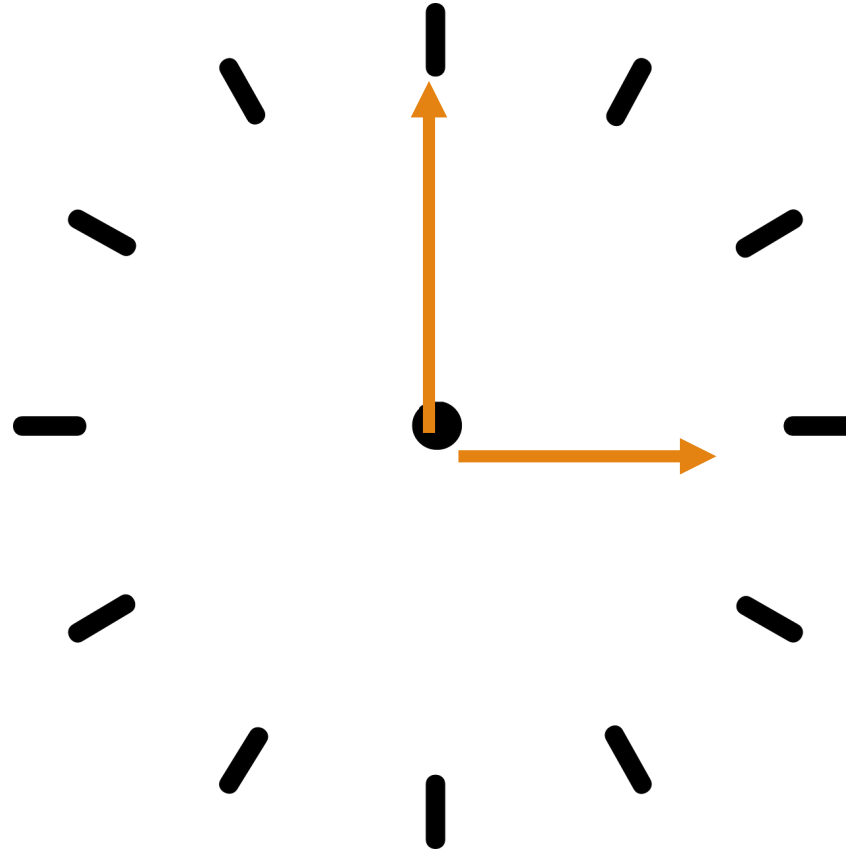
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# The Clock Hands

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The big hand

The little hand



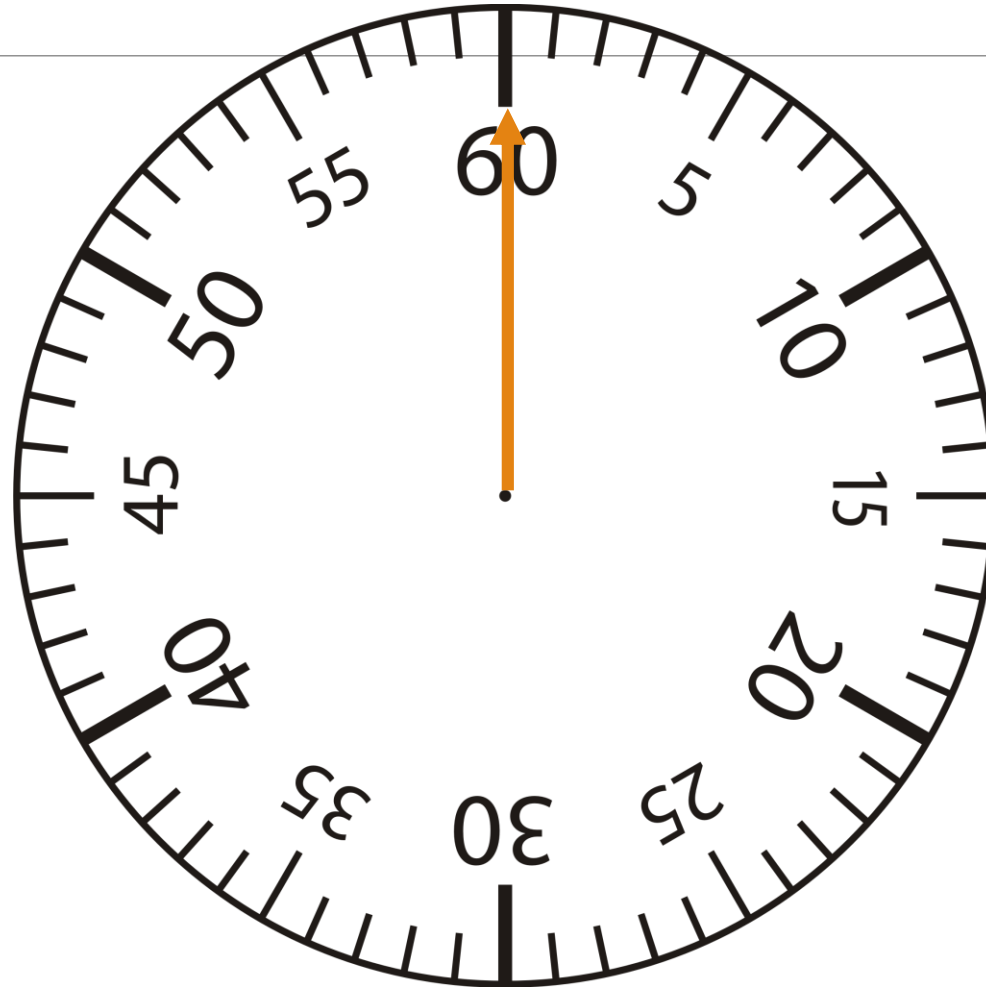
# The Big Hand

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For the minutes

One cycle is 60 minutes

60 minutes in one hour



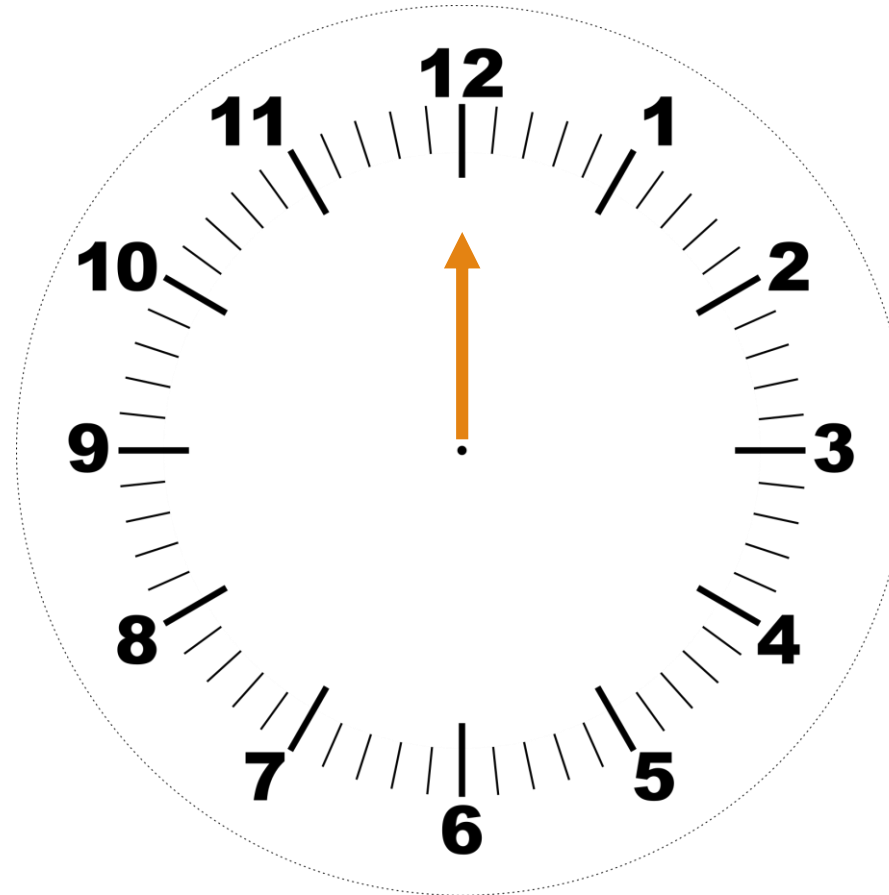
# The Little Hand

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For the hours

One cycle is 12 hours

24 hours in one day



# Whole hours

The big hand is on the 12

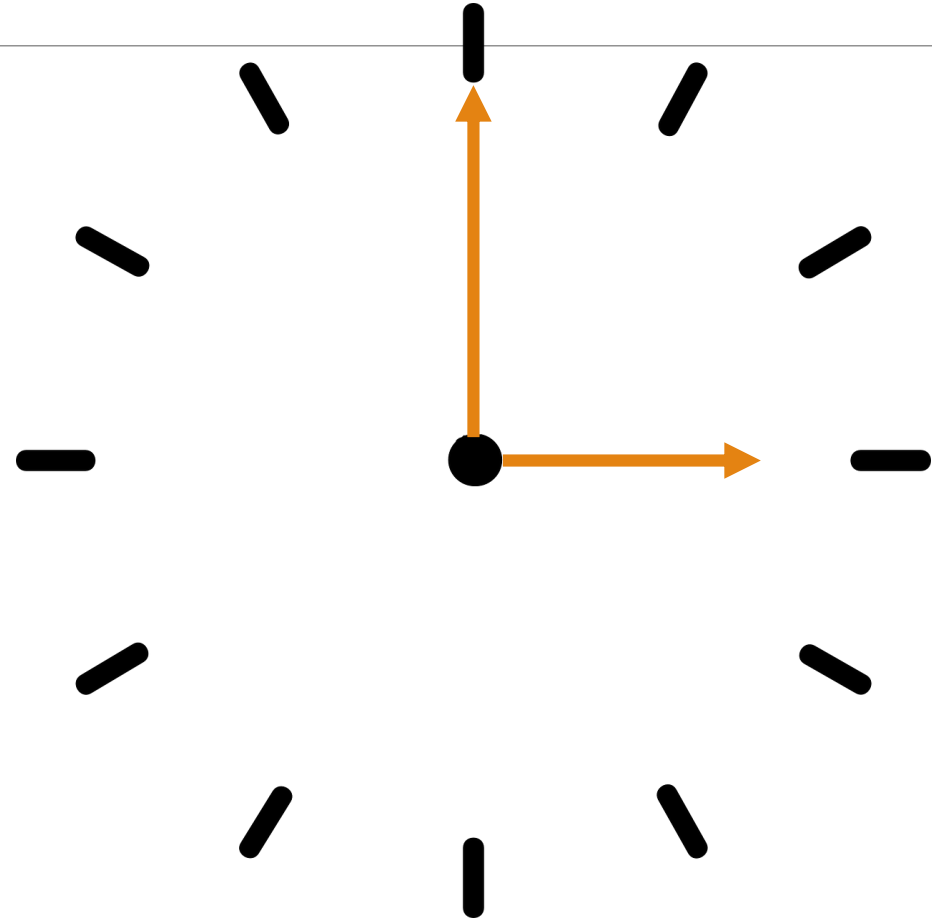
The little hand shows the hour

We say it is N o'clock

Here, it is 3 o'clock

For digital displays,

03:00 or 15:00



# Half hours

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The big hand is on the 6

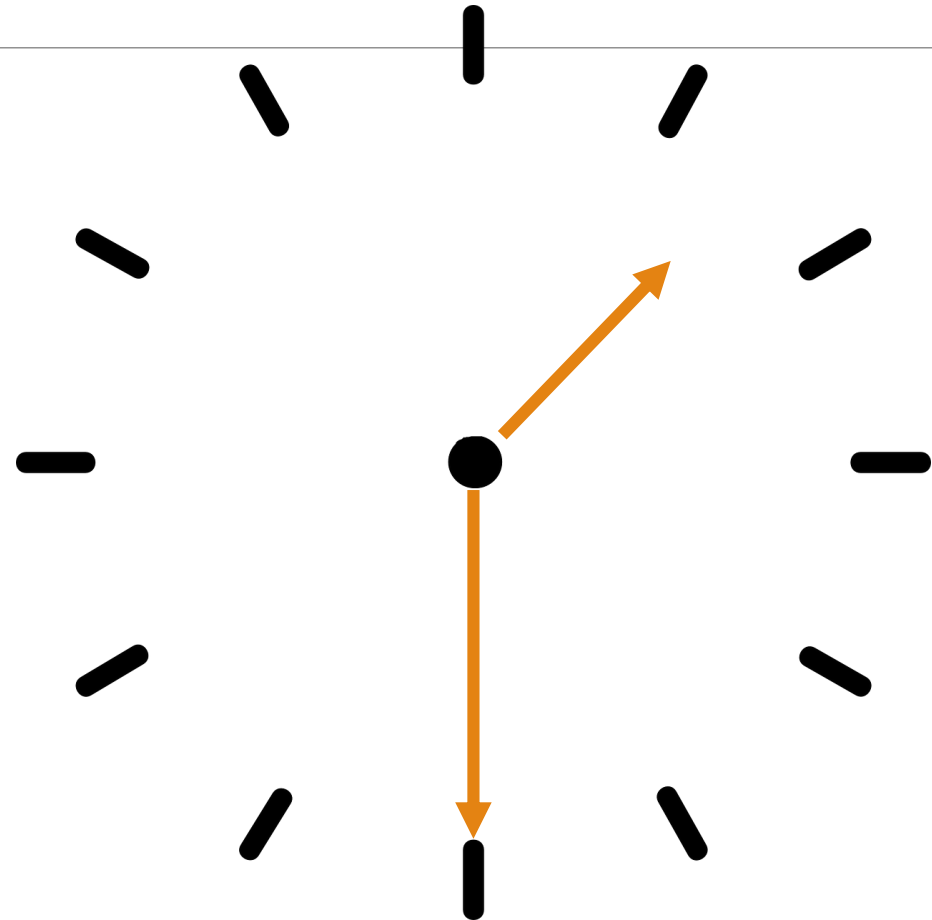
The little hand is between 2 hours

We say it is half past N

Here, it is half past 1

For digital displays,

01:30 or 13:30



# Quarter hours - after

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The big hand is on the 3

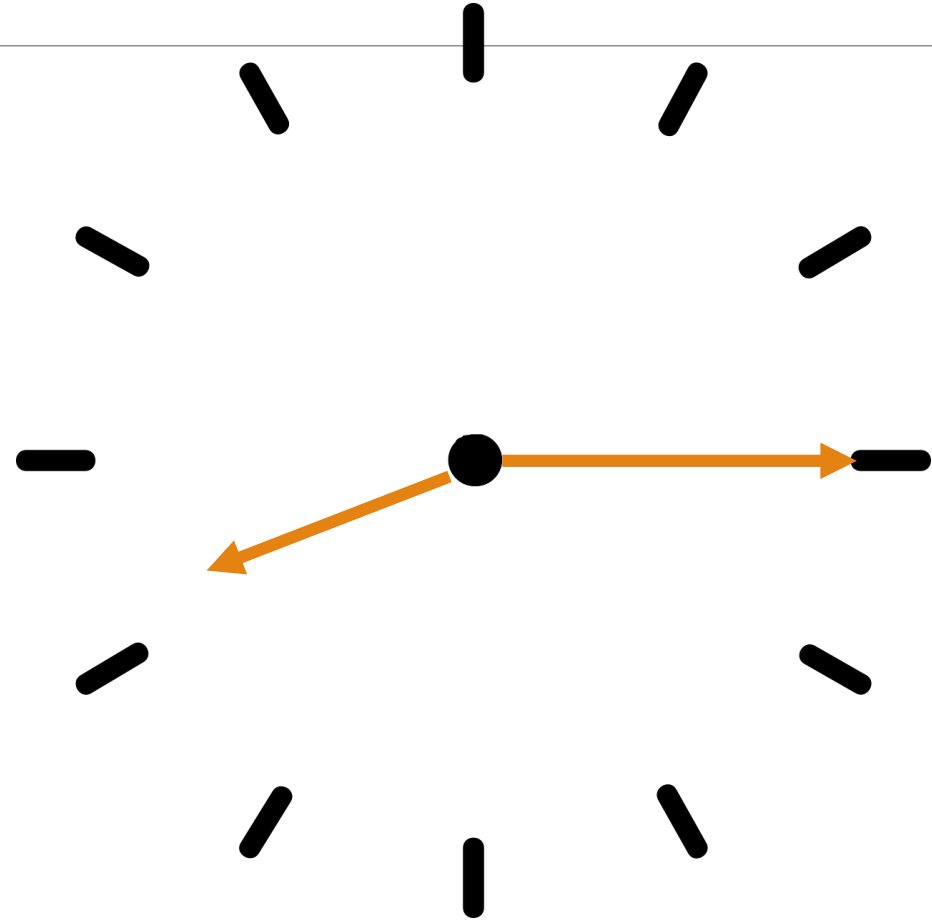
The little hand is between 2 hours

We say it is quarter past N

Here, it is quarter past 8

For digital displays,

08:15 or 20:15



# Quarter hours - before

The big hand is on the 9

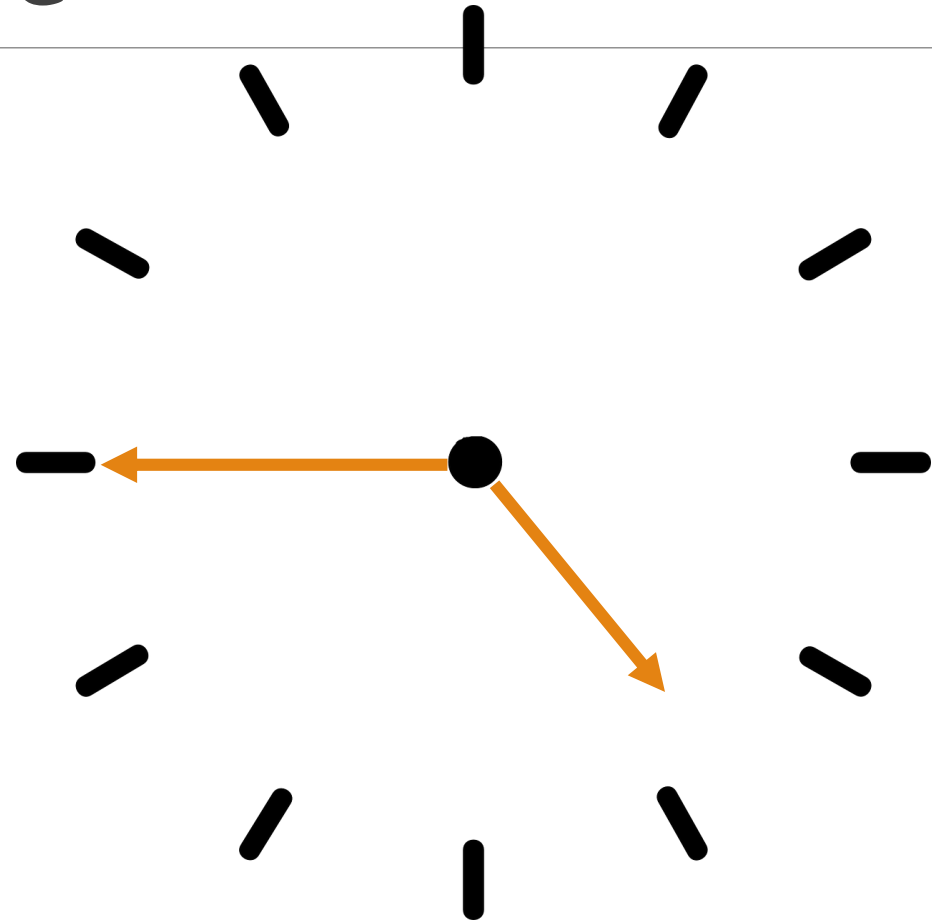
The little hand is between 2 hours

We say it is quarter to N

Here, it is quarter to 5

For digital displays,

04:45 or 16:45





# Minutes - after

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The big hand is between 12 and 6

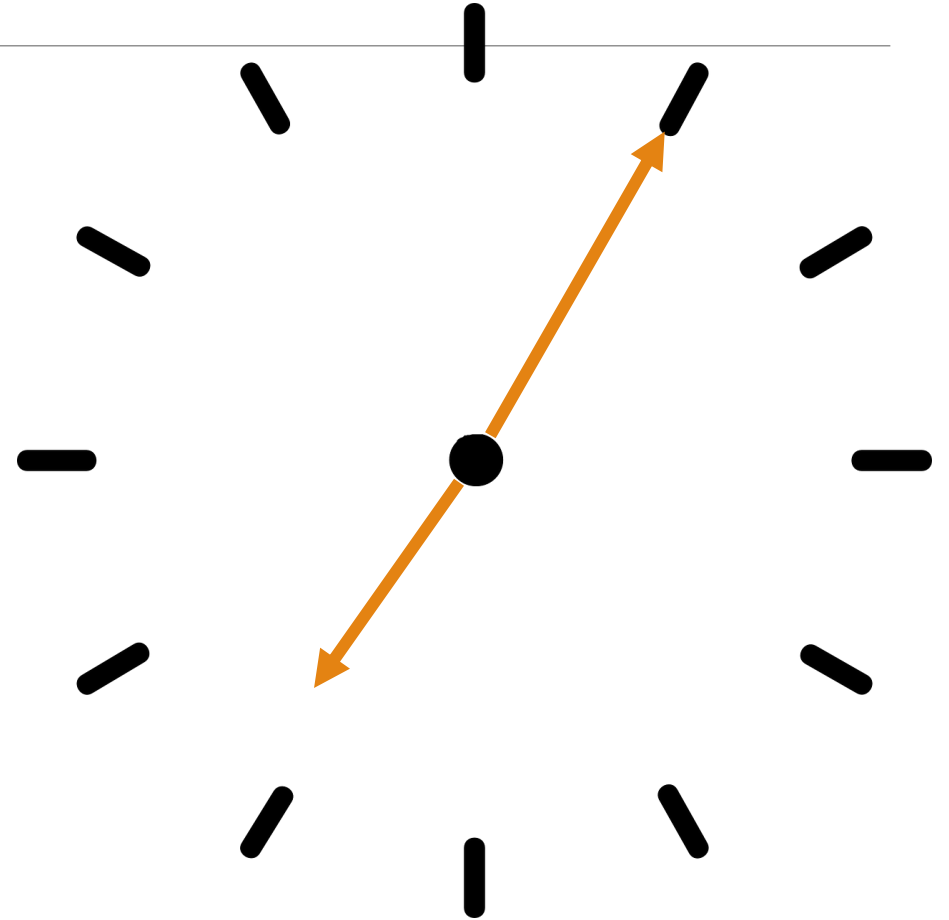
The little hand is between 2 hours

We say it is X minutes past N

Here, it is 5 minutes past 7

For digital displays,

07:05 or 19:05



# Minutes - after

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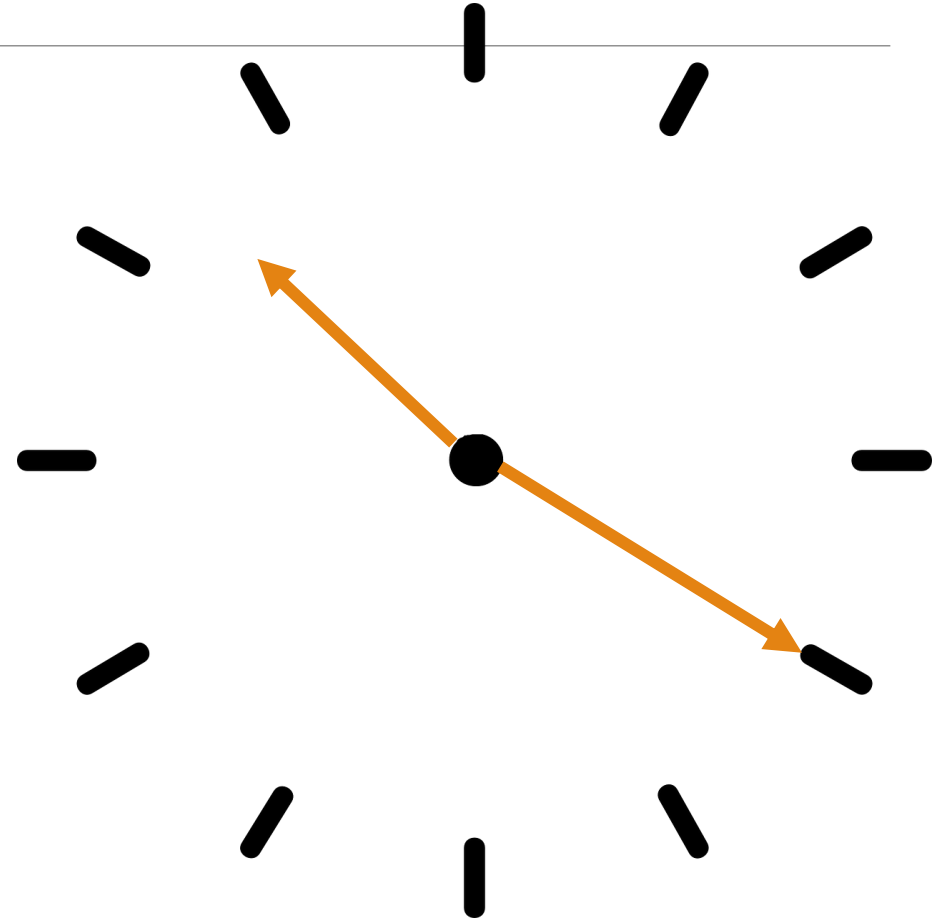
Another example

Here, it is 20 minutes past 10

Or, 20 past 10

For digital displays,

10:20 or 22:20



# Minutes - before

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The big hand is between 6 and 12

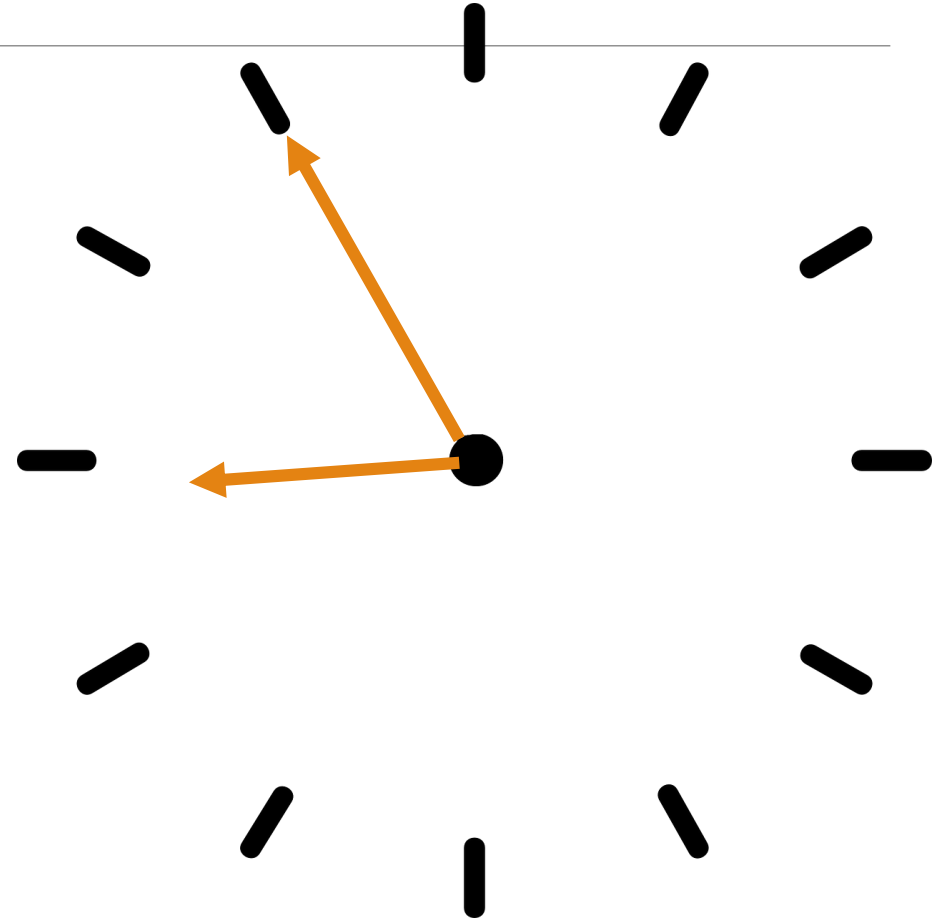
The little hand is between 2 hours

We say it is X minutes to N

Here, it is 5 minutes to 9

For digital displays,

08:55 or 20:55



# Minutes - before

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Another example

Here, it is 25 minutes to 12

Or, 25 to 12

For digital displays,

11:35 or 23:35

