# Lesson 9: A cold welcome

A cold welcome

What does ‘a cold welcome refer to?

On Wednesday evening, we went to the town hall.

It was the last day of the year, and a large crowd of people had gathered under the Town Hall clock.

It would strike twelve in twenty minutes.

Fifteen minutes passed, and then, at five to twelve, the clock stopped.

The big minute hand did not move.

We waited and waited, but nothing happened.

Suddenly, someone shouted, "It's two minutes past twelve! The clock has stopped!"

I looked at my watch.

It was true.

The big clock refused to welcome the New Year.

At that moment, the clock stopped, and everybody began to laugh and sing.

We went to the town hall on New Year's Eve.

There were a lot of people there.

The town hall clock would strike twelve in twenty minutes' time.

It stopped at five to twelve.

It refused to welcome the New Year.

Then the crowd began to laugh and sing.

Did it refuse to welcome the New Year or not?

What did the crowd do then?

When did we go to the town hall?

We went to the town hall on Wednesday evening.

When would the clock strike twelve?

The clock would strike twelve in twenty minutes time.

When did the clock stop?

The clock stopped at five to twelve.

He will return in two years' time.

On Saturdays, I always go to the market.

I never go to the cinema during the week.

He ran a hundred meters in thirteen seconds.

I can't see him at the moment.

I'm busy.

My birthday is on November 7th.

I was born in 1974.

The days are very short in December.

We arrived at the village late at night.

We left early in the morning.

I shall not hear from him until tomorrow.

The match will begin at 3 o'clock.

They bought their house in 1980.

The shop is closed from one to two.

The children went to school in the morning.

He'll finish school in two years' time.

Let's go for a walk in the evening.

He went to church on Sunday.

Is there any tea in the pot?

There isn't any tea in the pot.

There's no tea in the pot.

Is there anyone at the door?

There isn't. There's someone at the door.

There's no one at the door.

Is there anybody at the door?

There isn't anybody at the door.

There isn't anybody at the door.

Is there anything in the box?

There isn't anything in the box.

There's nothing in the box.

Did you go anywhere yesterday?

I didn't go anywhere yesterday.

I went nowhere yesterday.

Halltown Hall in the evening.

The people were under the Town Hall clock.

When will it strike?

In twenty minutes' time.

What time did it stop?

At five to twelve.

Did anything happen?

No, nothing happened.

How many times did the clock strike?

It was fifteen minutes past eleven.

A clock usually has two hands, a minute hand and an hour hand.

Most people wear or carry a watch.

It refused to welcome the New Year.

It didn't want to.