



Dialogue/对话

A: Hey Eli. Can you tell me what time it is? I left my watch at home.

A: 嗨Eli. 你能告诉我现在几点了吗? 我把手表忘在家里了。

B: Yup! It' s almost 4 o' clock.

B: 好啊! 快4点了。

A: Ok. But, what' s the exact time?

A: 好的。但具体是几点呢?

B: It' s 5 to 4.

B: 差5分钟4点。

A: Uhh... You lost me there.

A: 嗯...我有点跟不上了。

B: Oh, sorry! 5 to 4 means that it' s 5 minutes to 4 o' clock. So, it' s 3:55.

B: 哦, 不好意思。意思是离4点还差5分钟。就是3:55。

A: I see! What about 4:05 and 4:30? Are there other ways to say those times, too?

A: 我懂了！那4:05和4:30呢？还有其他方式来表达这些时间吗？

B: Yup. You can say 5 past 4 or 5 after 4. Also, for 4:30, you can say half past 4.

B: 是的。你可以说4点过5分或者4点零5分。还有，4:30的话，你可以说是4点半。

A: Ah gotcha! Thanks for clearing that up!

A: 啊明白了！谢谢你帮我理清清楚了！

Key vocabulary/重点词汇

tell /tel/ 告诉

left /left/ 落下

o' clock /ə'klɒk/ ...点钟

exact /ɪg'zækt/ 准确的

lost /lɒst/ 使...迷茫

5 to 4 /faɪv tu fɔːr/ 差5分钟4点

You lost me /ju lɒst miː/ 你把我弄糊涂了

5 past 4 /faɪv pæst fɔːr/ 4点过5分

5 after 4 /faɪv 'æftər fɔːr/ 4点零5分

half past 4 /hæf pæst fɔːr/ 4点半

gotcha /'gɒtʃə/ 明白了

clear up /klaɪr ʌp/ 解释清楚

Supplementary vocabulary/补充词汇

Do you have the time? /du ju hæv ðə taɪm?/ 现在几点了？

leave /liːv/ 离开

exactly /ɪg'zæktli/ 是的，完全同意

confused /kən'fjuːzd/ 困惑的

quarter /'kwɔ:rtər/ 一刻钟

unclear /ən'kleə/ 不清楚

misunderstanding /,mɪs.ʌn.də'stæn.dɪŋ/ 误解；误会

Expansion/例句

tell

1. Excuse me. Could you tell me the time?

不好意思，请问现在几点？

2. I told him that I'd be 15 minutes late.

我跟他说会晚15分钟到。

3. I can tell that her bag is expensive! It looks like a Chanel purse.

我看得出来她的包很贵！像是个香奈儿的手提包。

exact

1. The train arrived exactly at 6:05.

火车6点05分准时到达。

2. He likes to be exact when he works.

他工作中追求准确无误。

3. I can't remember the exact name of the store. I think it was something like "Joe's Grill."

我记不清那家商店的具体名称了。大概是Joe's Grill什么的。

lost

1. You've lost me. Would you mind saying that again?

我有点跟不上了。可以麻烦再讲一遍吗？

2. I'm terrible at reading maps, so I always get lost.

我很不擅长看地图，所以我总是迷路。

3. I lost my cell phone when I went traveling last week.

我上周旅游的时候手机丢了。

Grammar/语法

Prepositions for telling time "to, after, past, half past"

When telling time the prepositions "*to, past, after* and *half past*" are commonly used. When using these prepositions, remember that the minutes come before the preposition and the hour comes after.

在表示时间时，常会用介词to、past、after和half past。当使用这些介词时，记住分钟在介词之前，小时在介词之后。

To

"*To*" is used to count the number of minutes before the next hour. So, 5:45 is 15 to 6, or a quarter to six.

"*To*" 是用来数距下一个整点还有多少分钟。所以，5:45是15 to 6，或者是a quarter to six。

Past and after

"*Past* and *after*" are used to count the number of minutes after that hour has started. For example, 8:10 is 10 past 8, or 10 after 8.

"*Past* and *after*" 用来数整点之后过去了多少分钟。例如，8:10是10 past 8，或者10 after 8。

Half past

"*Half past*" means 30 minutes after an hour has started. For instance, 7:30 is half past 7. In the U.K. "*past*" is sometimes dropped in casual conversation and it becomes half 7.

"*Half past*" 指整点之后过去了半个小时。例如，7:30是half past 7。在英国，past经常在口语交流中被省略，变成了half 7。

1. Let's meet at a quarter to 6.

我们5:45见。

2. We were supposed to meet at 5 o'clock but it's already half past 5.

我们原计划5点见面，但现在已经5点半了。

3. I think we should leave at 10 to 9 in the morning.

我觉得我们应该早上8:50出发。