time VOCABULARY BANK

1 Verbs with time

Complete the sentences with the right verb from the list. make up for run out of take (x2) take up waste save spare 1 I a lot of time playing solitaire on my computer instead of studying. 2 If you go on the motorway, you'll ____ _____ time – it's much quicker than going on the country roads. 3 I had three hours to wait for my flight, so I sat there doing sudoku puzzles to ___ 4 There's no hurry so ____ _ your time. 5 When my mother was young she never had the chance to travel. Now she has retired she wants to _ lost time and she has booked a round-the-world tour. 6 The novel is 700 pages long and I'm a slow reader. It's going to _ me a long time to finish it. 7 I'd better go home now. If I'm late again, my dad will ___ me a hard time. 8 I would like to go camping with my friends this weekend but my exams are next week so I can't ____ the time. all my time - I never seem to get to read a book or watch a film! 10 New York's such a fantastic city! You're going to ____ ____ the time of your life there. 11 Don't let's spend too long at the museum or we'll ____ ___ time. We have to get the train back at 10.30 and there are lots of other things I want to see. 2 Prepositional phrases with time Complete the prepositions column with a preposition from the list. at (x2) before from in (x2) Prepositions 1 I'm really punctual, so I hate it when other people aren't time. 2 I've never heard of that singer. He must have been my time. 3 the time we got to our hotel, it was nearly midnight. 4 I'm very excited. I'm going to New Zealand four days' time.

3 Expressions with time

Match sentences 1-10 with A-J.

- 1 The referee's looking at his watch.
- 2 He hardly spoke to me at lunch.
- 3 I'm really looking forward to my holidays.

5 I missed the birth of my first child. I was on a plane the time. 6 He's been working too hard recently. He needs some time

8 I don't eat out very often, but I do get a takeaway time

7 If we don't take a taxi, we won't get to the airport time the flight.

9 He suffers from back pain and it makes him a bit irritable times.

- 4 I'm sorry, I can't help you this week.
- 5 I can't afford a new computer.
- 6 She's sure to find a job in the end.
- 7 I think I need to take up a hobby.
- 8 Stop writing, please.
- 9 I really thought I was going to be late.
- 10 You look very young in that photo.

- A But in the end I got to the airport with time to spare.
- B He spent the whole time talking on his mobile.
- C **Time's up.** The exam is over.

time.

- D I'm a bit short of time (inf pushed for time).
- E I've got time on my hands since I retired.
- F I'll have to carry on with this one for the time being.
- G It's only a question of time.
- H It must have been taken a long time ago.
- I There isn't much time left.
- J This time next week I'll be lying on the beach.

Can you remember the expressions on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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