

1 Verbs with *time*

Complete the sentences with the right verb from the list.

give have kill make up for run out of save spare take (x2) take up waste

- I _____ a lot of time playing solitaire on my computer instead of studying.
- If you go on the motorway, you'll _____ time – it's much quicker than going on the country roads.
- I had three hours to wait for my flight, so I sat there doing *sudoku* puzzles to _____ time.
- There's no hurry so _____ your time.
- 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.
- The novel is 700 pages long and I'm a slow reader. It's going to _____ me a long time to finish it.
- I'd better go home now. If I'm late again, my dad will _____ me a hard time.
- I would like to go camping with my friends this weekend but my exams are next week so I can't _____ the time.
- My children _____ all my time – I never seem to get to read a book or watch a film!
- New York's such a fantastic city! You're going to _____ the time of your life there.
- 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 by for from in (x2) off on to

Prepositions

- I'm really punctual, so I hate it when other people aren't _____ time.
- I've never heard of that singer. He must have been _____ my time.
- _____ the time we got to our hotel, it was nearly midnight.
- I'm very excited. I'm going to New Zealand _____ four days' time.
- I missed the birth of my first child. I was on a plane _____ the time.
- He's been working too hard recently. He needs some time _____.
- If we don't take a taxi, we won't get to the airport _____ time _____ the flight.
- I don't eat out very often, but I do get a takeaway _____ time _____ time.
- He suffers from back pain and it makes him a bit irritable _____ times.

3 Expressions with *time*

Match sentences 1–10 with A–J.

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| 1 The referee's looking at his watch. | A But in the end I got to the airport with time to spare . |
| 2 He hardly spoke to me at lunch. | B He spent the whole time talking on his mobile. |
| 3 I'm really looking forward to my holidays. | C Time's up . The exam is over. |
| 4 I'm sorry, I can't help you this week. | D I'm a bit short of time (<i>inf</i> pushed for time). |
| 5 I can't afford a new computer. | E I've got time on my hands since I retired. |
| 6 She's sure to find a job in the end. | F I'll have to carry on with this one for the time being . |
| 7 I think I need to take up a hobby. | G It's only a question of time . |
| 8 Stop writing, please. | H It must have been taken a long time ago . |
| 9 I really thought I was going to be late. | I There isn't much time left . |
| 10 You look very young in that photo. | 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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