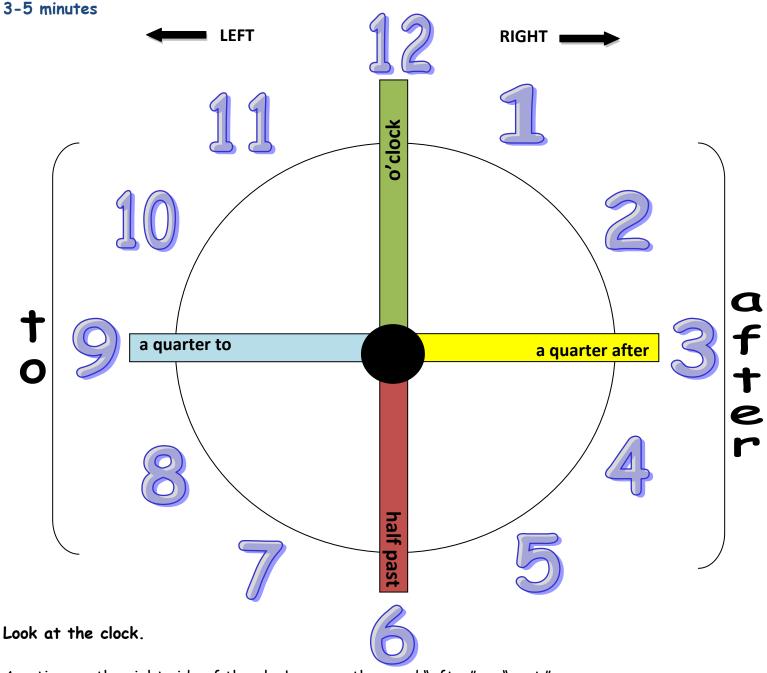
# Vocabulary (01) Telling Time (14)

In context: 3-5 minutes

Look at the pictures below. Do you know what time it is?



Vocabulary



Any time on the right side of the clock we use the word "after" or "past."

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Example: 10:10 = Ten after ten.
5:08 = Eight after five.
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Any time on the left side of the clock we use the word "to." Example: 4:50 = Ten to five. 7:40 = Twenty to seven.

At 15 minute intervals, we use the phrases: a quarter after, half past, a quarter to, and o'clock Example: 2:00 = two o'clock 9:15 = a quarter after nine 6:30 = half past six 11:45 = a quarter to twelve Time phrases:

- 1. in the morning anytime before 12:00 p.m.
- 2. in the afternoon after 12:00 p.m. before 6:00 p.m.
- 3. in the evening after 6:00 p.m. before 9:00 p.m.
- 4. at night- after 9:00 p.m. before 12:00 p.m.
- 5. noon 12:00 in the afternoon p.m.
- 6. midnight 12:00 at night p.m.

#### Language Tip 3-5 minutes

There are two different systems to tell time. The "12-hour" system and the "24-hour" system."

Look at the table below:

a.m.= from 12:00 in the morning until 11:59 in the afternoon

p.m.= from 12:00 in the afternoon					
until 11:59 at night					

12 - hour	24 - hour
12:00 a.m. (midnight)	0000 (midnight)
1:00 a.m.	0100
2:00 a.m.	0200
3:00 a.m.	0300
4:00 a.m.	0400
5:00 a.m.	0500
6:00 a.m.	0600
7:00 a.m.	0700
8:00 a.m.	0800
9:00 a.m.	0900
10:00 a.m.	1000
11:00 a.m.	1100

12 - hour	24 - hour
12:00 p.m. (noon)	1200 (noon)
1:00 p.m.	1300
2:00 p.m.	1400
3:00 p.m.	1500
4:00 p.m.	1600
5:00 p.m.	1700
6:00 p.m.	1800
7:00 p.m.	1900
8:00 p.m.	2000
9:00 p.m.	2100
10:00 p.m.	2200
11:00 p.m.	2300

\* Note that the 24-hour system is said like: fourteen hundred (1400), oh-four hundred (0400)

## Telling Time 5-10 minutes

• When we talk about the time it is *now*, we use the phrase "*It's..."* Example:

> It's 6 o'clock. It's 6:15. (six fifteen/a quarter after 6) It's 6:30. (six thirty/half past six) It's 6:25. (six twenty-five, twenty-five after six)

• When we talk about time we can use approximate phrases like: *about, almost* Example:

(6:26) It's almost half past six./It's about six thirty.(6:55) It's almost seven./ It's about seven o'clock

- To ask about time, we use the question: What time is it?
- To ask about the time of an event, we use the question: What time is the ...? What time does the ....start?

Example:

What time is the party?	The party starts at
What time does the party start?	The party starts at
What time is the meeting?	The meeting starts at
What time does the meeting start?	The meeting starts at

• When we talk about time, we can say "a.m.," "p.m.," "in the morning," "in the afternoon," "in the evening," or "at night."

Example:

It's 12 in the afternoon./It's 12 p.m. It's 8 in the morning./It's 8 a.m. The party starts at 6 in the evening./It's 6 p.m. The meeting starts at 9 at night./It's 9 p.m.

### Written Practice 5-10 minutes

Fill in the table with 12-hour time or 24-hour time.

12 - hour	24 - hour
(1)	1800
6:45 a.m.	(2)
5:32 p.m.	(3)
(4)	2100
11:00 p.m.	(5)
(6)	0800

Write if the time is: "in the morning," "in the afternoon," "in the evening," or "at night"

- (1) 6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (2) 8:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (3) 2300 \_\_\_\_\_ (4) 1:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) 0900 \_\_\_\_\_ (6) 11:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (7) 7:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (8) 0000 \_\_\_\_\_

Match the clock with the time below.



- A. a quarter after three \_\_\_\_
- B. ten to four \_\_\_\_
- *C*. 0805 \_\_\_\_
- D. 9:25 \_\_\_\_
- E. 9 o'clock \_\_\_\_

## Read and Say it! 3-5 minutes

Look at the clocks. Then, read and say the time phrases below them.

$ \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 10 \\ 9 \\ 8 \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{array} $	$\left( \begin{array}{c} \end{array} \right)$		$\bigcirc$	
What time is it? It's 12:15. It's a quarter after 12.	What time is it? It's 6:45. It's a quarter to 7.	What time is it? It's 2:30. It's half past 2.	What time is it? It's 8:00. It's 8 o'clock.	What time is it? It's 3:25 It's 25 after 3. It's about 3:30. It's almost half past 3.

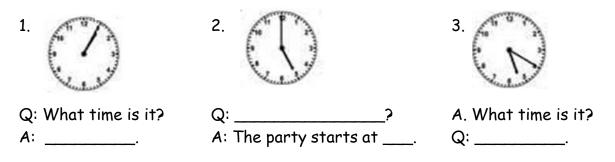
## Practice with your teacher 3-5 minutes

Ask your teacher the following questions. Then, have your teacher ask you.

- 1. What time do you go to sleep?
- 2. What time do you eat breakfast?
- 3. What time is it now?
- 4. What time do you go home from work?

# Quiz 3-5 minutes

#### Write the question or the answer. Use the clock given.



#### Complete the sentences with an appropriate time phrase.

in the afternoon, at night, noon, in the morning, midnight

- 1. I go to school at 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. I eat lunch at \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. I go to sleep at \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. I take a walk at 3 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. I like to watch movies \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Write the time in words.



