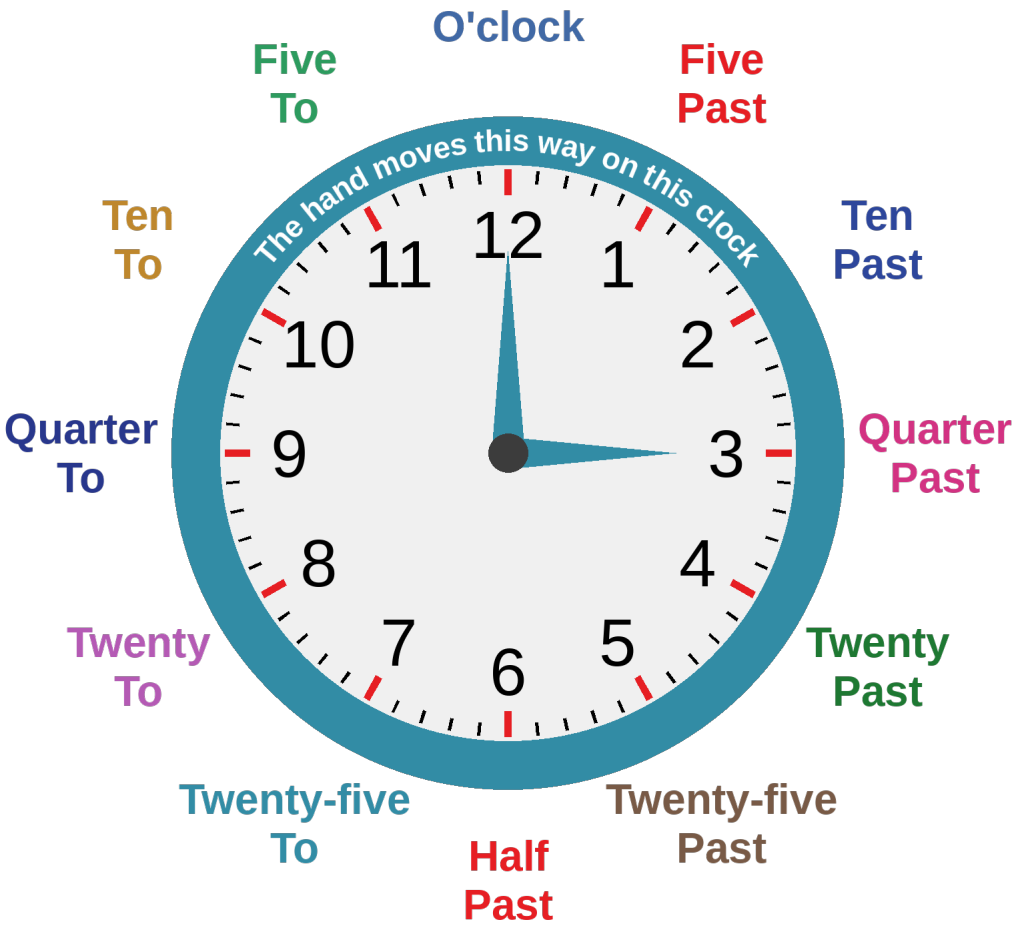
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Telling Time

Hours, Half Hours & Minutes



Telling the Time Examples













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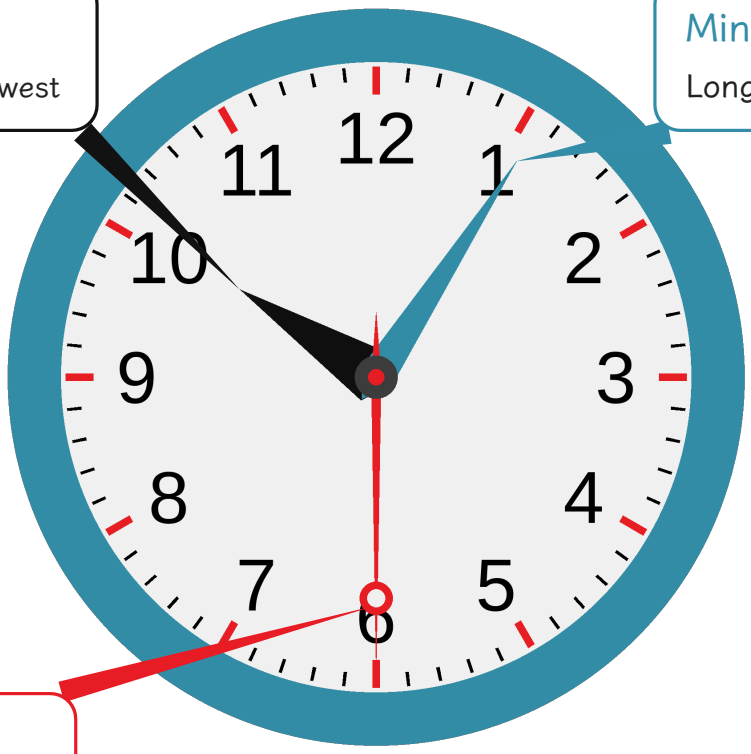
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Meet the Three Hands

A clock face has three hands — long or short, thick or thin. Learn them and time makes sense.

Hour Hand
Short and thick • slowest

Minute Hand
Longer • medium speed



Second Hand
Thin and long • fastest

How to Tell Them Apart

All three hands start at the center and move toward the bigger numbers. The shortest, thickest one is the hour hand, the slowest of all — its number is the hour, and one full trip takes 12 hours. The longer one is the minute hand— read it by counting by fives: 5, 10, 15 ⋯ One full trip takes 60 minutes. The thinnest, longest one is the second hand, the fastest of all — one full trip takes 60 seconds, exactly 1 minute.

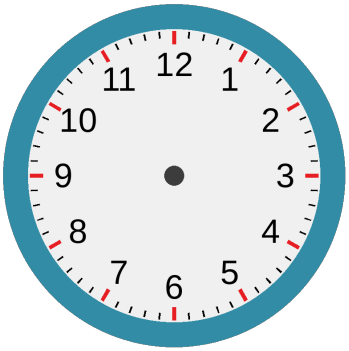
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Meet the Clock Face

Numbers and marks hide on the face — plus three hands that walk around them.

1 · Meet the Big Dial

1. There are 12 numbers
The biggest is 12



2. The face is split into
12 big spaces

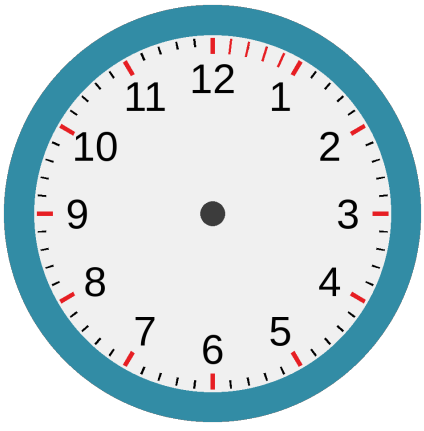


3. Hands move toward
bigger numbers: clockwise

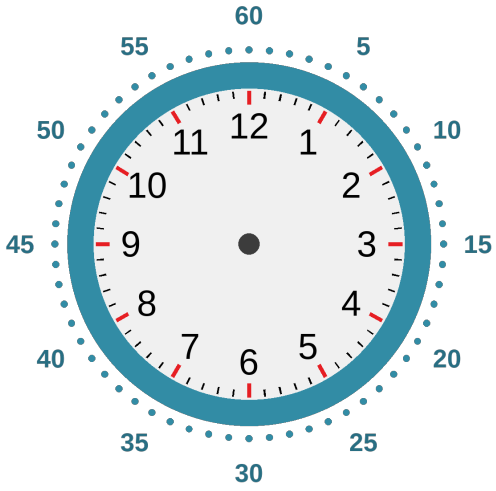


2 · Meet the Little Marks

1. Each big space has
5 little marks



2. The whole face has
60 little marks



Remember: 12 numbers • 12 big spaces • 60 little marks

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Read O'Clock & Half Past

Learn the hour hand first, then watch where the minute hand points to read o'clock and half past.



8:30 Read: half past 8

1 · How to Read the Hour Hand

1. Right at 8

It is 8 o'clock



2. Just past 8

A bit past 8



3. Between two numbers

Take the smaller: 8



2 · O'Clock and Half Past

Minute hand on 12 → o'clock



3 o'clock



6 o'clock

Minute hand on 6 → half past



half past 2



half past 9

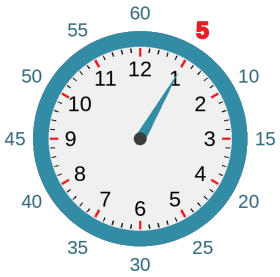
Reading Hours and Minutes

First the hour hand tells the hour, then the minute hand tells the minutes. Put them together!

1 · How to Read the Minute Hand

1. Minute hand on 1

Count one five: 5 minutes



2. Minute hand on 4

5, 10, 15, 20 → 20 minutes



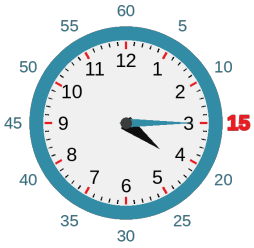
3. Between two numbers

From 20, +3 marks: 23 minutes



Count by fives: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60

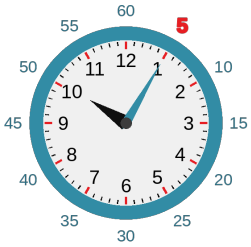
2 · Read the Time



Hour hand just past 4 → 4

Minute hand on 3, count 3 fives → 15 minutes

4:15 Read: 4:15



Hour hand just past 10 → 10

Minute hand on 1, count 1 five → 5 minutes

10:05 Read: 10:05



Hour hand past 7, near 8 → still 7

Minute hand on 8, count 8 fives → 40 minutes

7:40 Read: 7:40

Watch out: on 1 means 5 minutes, not 1! Read the hour hand first, then the minute hand.

Practice: Read the Time

Look at each clock carefully, and write the time on the line.

1. 

____ : ____

2. 

____ : ____

3. 

____ : ____

4. 

____ : ____

5. 

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7. 

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8. 

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9. 

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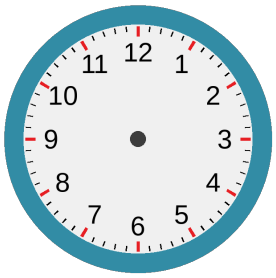
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Practice: Draw the Hands

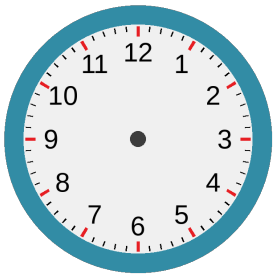
Draw the hour hand and minute hand for each time.

Remember: the hour hand is short and thick; the minute hand is longer and thinner.

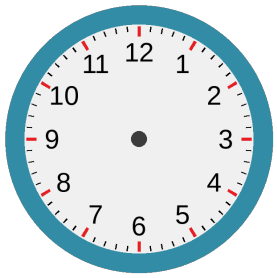
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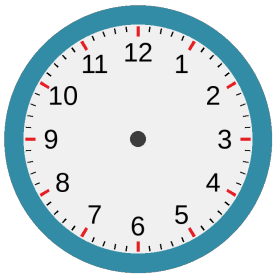
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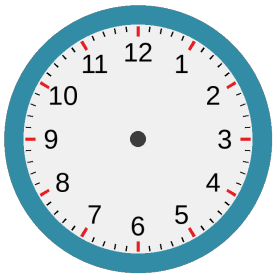
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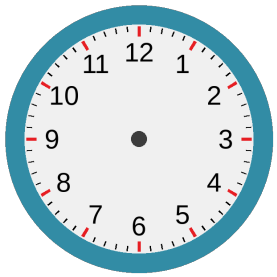
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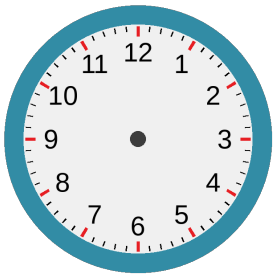
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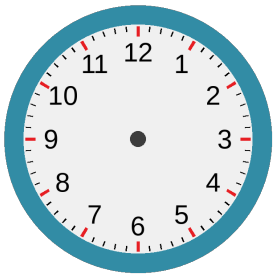
6. 12:20



7. 4:35



8. 10:50



9. 7:10

