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Lesson 05: You will learn how to tell the time.

Have fun learning English with your teacher!

Step 1 (Step 1)

To tell time, you can use: ...o’clock, ...past..., ...to... For example, there are three ways to say 8:15: eight fifteen, a quarter past eight, fifteen past eight. Use “o’clock” only at the full hour! For example: 7:00 – seven o’clock (but 7:10 – ten past seven). For the full hour, you can also say “sharp”. For example: 7:00 – seven sharp.
Step 2 (Step 2)

Practice telling the time

1) It is seven o’clock.

2) It is half past eight.

3) It is twenty to two.

4) It is half past six.

5) It is a quarter to nine.

6) It is a quarter past three.

Exercise: Role-play these short dialogues with the teacher

Teacher : Do you have the time?
You : Yes. It is 7:15.

Teacher : Do you know what time it is?
You : Yes. It is 9:00.

Teacher : Could you tell me what the time is?
You : Yes. It is 6:45.
Step 3 (Step 3)

Now that you have learned how to tell time by the hour, you can learn other words that can help you talk about time - parts of the day. For example, you can use “in the morning”, “at noon”, “in the afternoon”, “in the evening”, “at night”. When you want to talk about days you can use “yesterday”, “today”, “tomorrow”, “the day after tomorrow”.

NOTE: We use “in the morning”, “at noon”, “in the afternoon”, “in the evening”, “at night” for actions that happen every day, that are habits. When we want to specify that the action happened today we use: “this morning”, “(today) at noon”, “this afternoon”, “this evening”, “tonight”. In other situations, we just use “morning”.

1) I always have breakfast in the morning.
   (I always have breakfast in the morning.)
2) He comes home from work in the evening.
   (He comes home from work in the evening.)
3) We sleep at night.
   (We sleep at night.)
4) I went to the bank yesterday at noon.
   (I went to the bank yesterday at noon.)
5) I will go to school tomorrow morning.
   (I will go to school tomorrow morning.)
6) I will sleep at a hotel tonight.
   (I will sleep at a hotel tonight.)
7) She will visit us the day after tomorrow.
   (She will visit us the day after tomorrow.)
Step 4 (Step 4)

Use the words and expressions that you have learned to answer your teacher’s questions.

Teacher : Do you have the time? (Do you have the time?)
You : __________________ (past)

Teacher : Do you know what time it is? (Do you know what time it is?)
You : __________________ (to)

Teacher : Could you tell me what the time is?
(Could you tell me what the time is?)
You : __________________ (o’clock)

Teacher : Do you have the time? (Do you have the time?)
You : __________________ (sharp)

Teacher : Do you know what time it is? (Do you know what time it is?)
You : __________________ (a quarter to)

Teacher : When will he come home? (When will he come home?)
You : __________________ (tonight)

Teacher : When did you call her? (When did you call her?)
You : __________________ . (morning; yesterday)

Teacher : When does school start? (When does school start?)
You : ___________________________ (two days after tomorrow)

Teacher : When will you go out for tea? (When will you go out for tea?)
You : ___________________________ (this afternoon)