

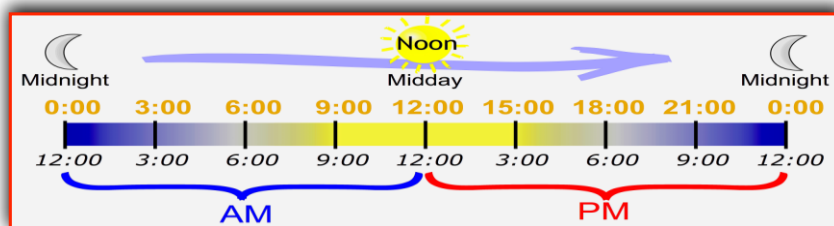
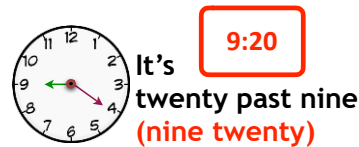
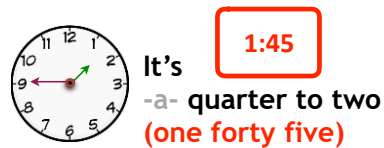
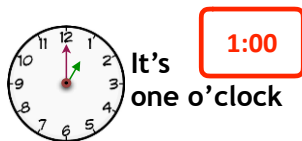
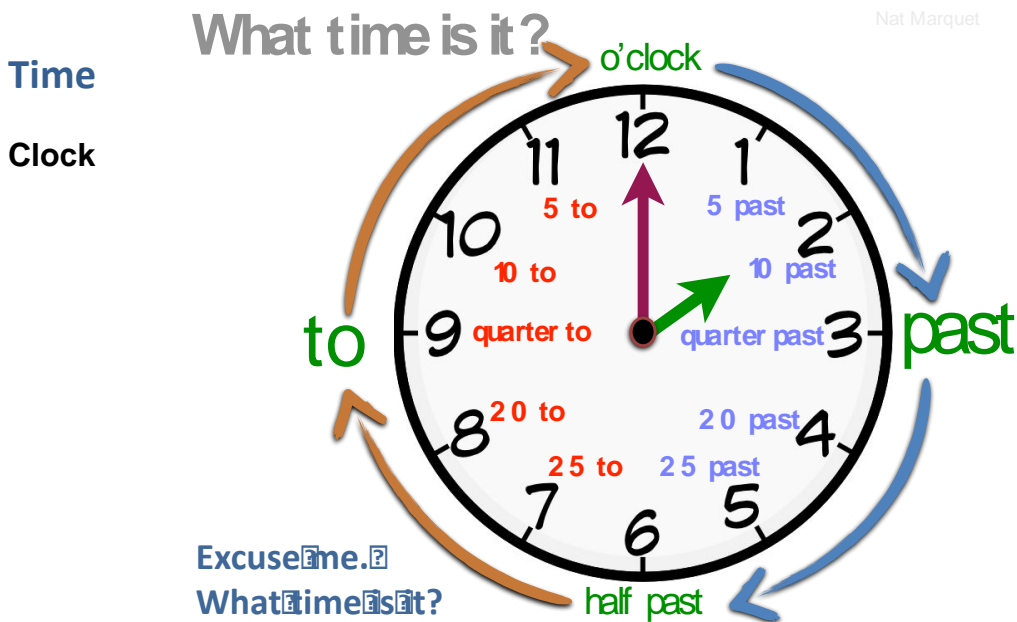
Lesson 7: What are You Doing?

Lesson Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- ✓ Asking for and telling time
- ✓ Asking about and describing current activities
- ✓ Making appointments and arrangements

Time is a very important part in conversations, or even in our life. Days and months are important to make plans. So, how to tell time in English?



Useful expressions

What time is it?

What's the time?

Exercise

Complete the following table!

Hour	It's...	It's...
6:00	Six o'clock	Six
6:05	Five(minutes) past six	Six (oh) five
—	Nine (minutes) past six	
6:09	Twelve past six	Six (oh) nine
—	A quarter past six	
6:12	Twenty past six	Six twelve
6:15	Twenty-five past six	Six fifteen
	Half past six	
6:20	Twenty to <u>seven</u>	Six twenty
6:25	A quarter to <u>seven</u>	Six twenty-five
—	Ten to <u>seven</u>	Six thirty
6:30	Five to <u>seven</u>	Six forty
6:40	Two to <u>seven</u>	Six forty-five
6:45	Seven o'clock	
—	_____	Six fifty
6:50		Six fifty-five
6:55		Six fifty-eight
6:58		Seven
7:00		

When telling time, here are some things to remember:

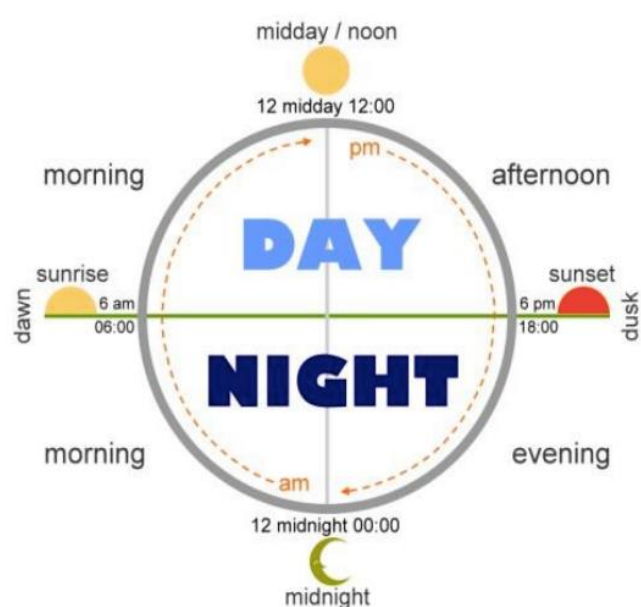
1. Say the minutes first and then the hour → Minutes + PAST / TO + Hour (green section)
 - For minutes 1-30 we use **PAST** after the minutes
 - For minutes 31-59 we use **TO** after the minutes
 - When it's **15 minutes past** the hour we say: **(a) quarter past**
 - When it is **15 minutes before** the hour we normally say: **a quarter to**
 - When it is **30 minutes past** the hour we normally say: **half past**
2. Say the hour first, and then the minute → Hour + Minutes (blue section)
3. We use **o'clock** when there are no minutes
4. We use **AM** for the morning and **PM** for the afternoon and night.
 - 3 AM = three o'clock in the morning
 - 3 PM = three o'clock in the afternoon

Important to remember: to give time for specific event, we use the structure **AT + time**. Examples:

- The bus arrives at half past three (3:30)
- I go to school at 7 o'clock

Here are 7 important times or parts of the day in English:

- Midnight (00:00 hours) → This is the middle of the night
- Midday (12:00 hours) → this is the middle of the day, also called as "**noon**".
- Morning → this is the time from midnight to midday.
- Afternoon → this is the time from midday (noon) to evening. From 12:00 to approximately 18:00.
- Evening → this is the time from the end of the afternoon to midnight. From approximately 18:00 to 00:00.



- Dawn → this is the time when the sun rises or comes up (sunrise)
- Dusk → this is the time when the sun sets or goes down (sunset)

Days of the week:

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- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

We always use capital letter for the first letter of each day, examples:

- I work at the hotel from Monday to Thursday, and at the restaurant on Friday.
- The tour is on Wednesday at 10:30 PM
- His favorite day is Saturday because he plays football

Useful expressions:

- What day is it today?
- When is

Also, we use the preposition **ON** to say days of the week for specific event.

Months:

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| 1. January | 7. July |
| 2. February | 8. August |
| 3. March | 9. September |
| 4. April | 10. October |
| 5. May | 11. November |
| 6. June | 12. December |

To say months, we use the preposition **IN**. Examples:

- My mom will visit us in July
- It's very cold in December
- School holiday is in June

Dates

When we say the date in English we normally use ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc) instead of cardinal numbers (one, two, three, etc).

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| • 1st – first | • 13th – thirteenth | • 23rd – twenty-third |
| • 2nd – second | • 14th – fourteenth | • 24th – twenty-fourth |
| • 3rd – third | • 15th – fifteenth | • 25th – twenty-fifth |
| • 4th – fourth | • 16th – sixteenth | • 26th – twenty-sixth |
| • 5th – fifth | • 17th – seventeenth | • 27th – twenty- |
| • 6th – sixth | • 18th – eighteenth | seventh |
| • 7th – seventh | • 19th – nineteenth | • 28th – twenty-eighth |
| • 8th – eighth | • 20 – twentieth | • 29th – twenty-ninth |
| • 9th – ninth | • 30 – thirtieth | • 30th – thirtieth |
| • 10th – tenth | • 21st – twenty-first | • 31st – thirty-first |
| • 11th – eleventh | • 22nd – twenty- | |
| • 12th – twelfth | second | |

In British English, they put dates as (dd/mm/yyyy), however for American English, they put the month first before the date (mm/dd/yyyy).

- 13/12/2017 (Br. Eng) → read as: thirteenth of December 2017
- 12/13/2017 (Am. Eng) → read as: thirteenth of December 2017
- Christmas is on December 25th (read as: on the twenty-fifth of December **OR** on December the twenty-fifth)

What are you doing?

Let's read this paragraph below:

Hello, my name is Rini. It's Saturday, so I don't have work. Today, **I'm staying home**. I'm cleaning my room so I can relax on Sunday. In the garden, **my mom is watering the plants**. My father is washing the car. My brother Andi, **he is still sleeping in his room**. Tonight, **we are eating at our favorite restaurant for dinner**.

Tomorrow, I'm meeting my friend Rita at 3:00 PM. We're going to the library to read some books. For next week, **we are visiting museums**.

From the paragraph, we can see that the sentences in bold have a similar structure which is **is/am/are + verb-ing**. This is what we call as **present continuous** form.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am (I'm) + verb-ing → I am eating • You/they/we are + verb-ing → You/they/we are eating • She/he/it is + verb-ing → She/he/it is eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am (I'm)+ NOT + verb-ing → I'm not eating • You/they/we are + NOT + verb-ing → You/they/we are not eating • She/he/it is + NOT + verb-ing → She/he/it is not eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Am I + verb-ing? → Am I eating? • Are you/they/we + verb-ing → Are you/they/we eating? • Is she/he/it +verb-ing? → Is she/he/it eating?

We use **present continuous** to tell about the action **now and at the moment of speaking**. Examples on the paragraph:

"...I'm staying home. I'm cleaning my room so I can relax on Sunday."

"...he is still sleeping in his room."

Also, this form can be used to talk about **future plans or arrangements**. Examples:

"Tonight, we are eating at our favorite restaurant for dinner."

"Tomorrow, I'm meeting my friend Rita at 3:00 PM."

A: Hey Rita, what are you doing?

B: Hi Rini, I'm reading a book.

A: Oh, what book is that?

B: The book is telling about a holiday in a beautiful village.

A: Sounds very interesting!

B: Yes. I'm also planning to go on a holiday with my family

A: That's fun! When are you leaving?

B: We are leaving on Sunday at 3:15 PM

Exercise.

Find future plans and write them in the boxes.

Next week is a holiday and I have lots of things to do! On Monday, I'm **seeing my friends** and we're going to the cinema. On Tuesday, I'm visiting my grandparents. On Wednesday, I'm playing tennis with my best friend. On Thursday, I'm taking my parents to eat at the restaurant. On Friday, my brother is inviting us for a barbeque party.

Exercise. Match them up!

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| I'm flying to Raja Ampat for a holiday.(1) | (a) I've got an appointment. |
| I'm playing basketball with my friend tomorrow.(2) | (b) We've invited lots of people. |
| I'm going to the doctor next week.(3) | (c) I've got the plane tickets! |
| I'm meeting my friend after work.(4) | (d) We agreed to meet at the court. |
| We're having a barbeque at the barbeque at the weekend.(5) | (e) We have the ingredients |
| We're watching the new Superman film tonight.(6) | (f) Our manager has booked the rooms. |
| My mother is helping me bake some cakes tomorrow.(7) | (g) We agreed to meet at 4:00 PM |
| My team is staying at a new hotel next month.(8) | (h) We have tickets for 7:30 PM |