

Reading Time - Hours and Minutes

Chapter 13: Time Goes On · Topic 1

Key Concept

A clock has an hour hand (shorter) and a minute hand (longer). The hour hand shows the hour, and the minute hand shows the minutes past the hour.

Each number on the clock represents 5 minutes for the minute hand - so when the minute hand points to 3, it means 15 minutes past the hour ($3 \times 5 = 15$).

We read times like '4:30' as 'four thirty' or 'half past four', showing the hour first and then the minutes.

Learning to read a clock helps us manage our daily schedule, like knowing when to leave for school or when a favourite show starts.

Quick Revision Notes

- The hour hand is shorter; the minute hand is longer.
- The hour hand shows the hour.
- The minute hand shows minutes past the hour.
- Each number represents 5 minutes for the minute hand.
- The minute hand at 3 means 15 minutes past.
- 4:30 is read as 'four thirty' or 'half past four'.
- Reading clocks helps manage daily schedules.
- Practice makes reading time faster and easier.

Practice Questions

- 1 Practice reading the time on a real or toy clock.
- 2 Draw a clock showing 3:15.
- 3 Draw a clock showing 7:45.
- 4 Write down five times you do things during the day, like waking up.
- 5 Practice saying times in two ways, like '4:30' and 'half past four'.
- 6 Set a clock to a time your family tells you.