

Reading Time - Precise Minutes

Chapter 12: Ticking Clocks and Turning Calendar · Topic 1

Key Concept

On an analogue clock, each small mark between the numbers represents 1 minute, so we can read times like 4:23 or 7:48 precisely.

To read precise minutes, we count each small mark the minute hand has passed from the last 5-minute mark - for example, 2 small marks past the '4' (20 minutes) means 22 minutes.

Digital clocks make reading precise time easier, showing the exact hour and minute directly, like '4:23'.

Being able to read precise time helps us follow exact schedules, like catching a bus at a specific time or timing an activity accurately.

Quick Revision Notes

- Each small mark on a clock represents 1 minute.
- We can read precise times like 4:23.
- We count small marks past the last 5-minute mark.
- Digital clocks show exact time directly.
- Precise time reading helps with exact schedules.
- This skill helps with catching buses or trains on time.
- Precise timing is useful for activities and events.
- Both analogue and digital clocks can show precise time.

Practice Questions

- 1 Practice reading precise time on a real or toy clock.
- 2 Write down the exact time five times during the day.
- 3 Draw a clock showing 6:37.
- 4 Draw a clock showing 9:52.
- 5 Compare reading time on an analogue and digital clock.
- 6 Time an activity precisely, like reading for 10 minutes.