

Patina · Reference

Telling Time

read the clock · say it two ways · a.m. and p.m.

7:30 is **seven thirty**. It is also **half past seven**. At home the clock is **17:00**. In America you say **5:00 p.m.** Pick your language at the top for a note in your own words.

★ read the clock · ★★ two ways to say it, and your clock at home · ★★★ write the time

★ Read the clock

Four clocks. Tap a clock to hear the time.

**7:00**

seven o'clock 🔊

**7:15**seven fifteen 🔊
quarter past seven**7:30**seven thirty 🔊
half past seven**7:45**seven forty-five 🔊
quarter to eight

★★ Two ways to say it

One time, two ways to say it. Tap each line and listen.

7:15

seven fifteen 🔊 OR quarter past seven 🔊

7:30

seven thirty 🔊 OR half past seven 🔊

7:45

seven forty-five 🔊 OR quarter to eight 🔊

past = after the hour. **to** = before the next hour.

★ a.m. and p.m.

Look at the two boxes. Say every sentence out loud. Your language is under every line.

a.m.

after midnight, before noon

I wake up at 7:00 **a.m.** 

I catch the bus at 8:15 **a.m.** 

p.m.

after noon, before midnight

I eat dinner at 7:00 **p.m.** 

I go to bed at 10:30 **p.m.** 

noon 

midnight 

12:00 in the day = noon = 12:00 p.m. 12:00 at night = midnight = 12:00 a.m.

★★ Your clock at home

Your clock at home is on the left. The American clock is on the right.

17:00 → 5:00 p.m.

After 12:00, take away 12. Then say p.m.

13:00 → 1:00 p.m. 

15:30 → 3:30 p.m. 

17:00 → 5:00 p.m. 

20:00 → 8:00 p.m. 

Morning times are the same on both clocks.

NEXT CLASS: AT, IN, ON

My class is **at** 5:30. 

Use at with a clock time. More in Class 14.

★★★ Write the time

Look at the clock. Write the time in numbers.

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