



# TIME

## Pre-reading

1. How important is time in our culture?
2. Why do we need time in our lives?
3. What is time?

"What time is it?" "Do you have a minute?" "I don't have enough time." "Hurry up! We're going to be late!" "Is it time to go yet?"



People talk about time every day. We measure by the second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, decade, and century. But what is time? No one can say exactly what it is. It is one of the greatest mysteries of our lives.



Even though we don't understand exactly what time is, our ability to measure it is very important. It makes our way of life possible. All members of a group have to measure time in the same way. For example, we must all know that it is 9:00 A.M., and stores and offices are open for business. If someone tells you to be at someplace at exactly 5:30, you must both know when that time arrives. Time lets us put things in a definite order. We know that breakfast comes before lunch. The reading class is after the writing class. Children can't go out to play until school is over. Time enables us to organise our lives.

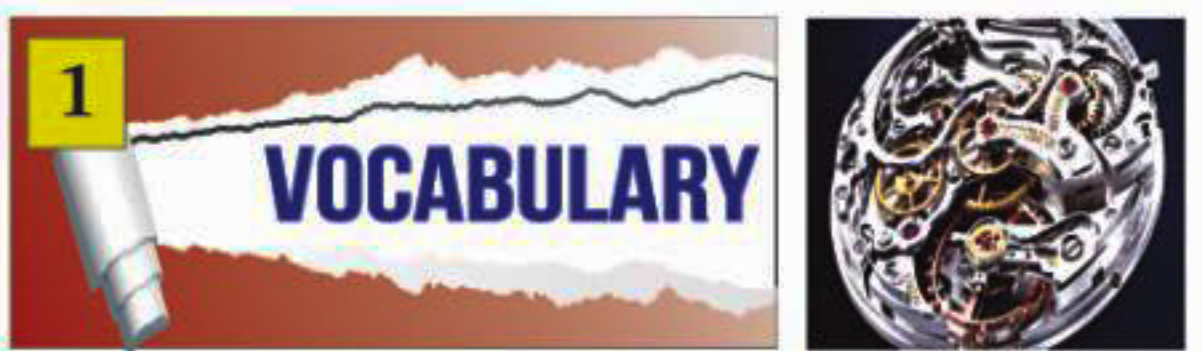
The earliest people saw changes around them. They saw day and night, the changes of the Moon, and the seasons. They started measuring their lives by these changes. Later, people invented ways to measure and record these changes. The Chinese invented a water clock in the eleventh century, but the ancient Egyptians had them long before that. As water dripped from one container to another, it measured the passing of time. People also used the Sun to divide the day into hours. They made a large dial on the ground. As the Sun passed over it during the day, the shadow on the dial moved around. People could tell the time from the position of the shadow on the dial.

Clocks as we know them were probably developed by very religious people in Europe in the thirteenth century. They needed to know the exact time so they could meet together in church. By the 1700s, people had clocks and watches that were accurate to the minute. Some clocks were very beautiful. They had complicated moving parts. Some had figures of people or animals that moved every hour or quarter hour. Other clocks played music. The movement of the parts is very interesting to see if you open one of these old clocks.

Today's clocks and watches have quartz crystals inside. They are very accurate. Watches today can be traditional or digital. Digital watches have no hands, only numbers that appear on a display. Some watches are very complicated. They keep the time for at least two time zones, they have timers, alarms, radios, and even very small televisions! Some watches will count your heart beat while you're jogging, then tell you how far you ran when you finish.



People in different places think about time differently. In some cultures, time is very important. People make schedules and follow them closely. They make appointments for a certain time and arrive precisely at that time. In fact, people might think it is rude to come late. In other cultures, people are more relaxed about time. They don't consider it rude to come to an appointment after the scheduled time. These are two different ways of dealing with time. No matter how we look at it, time is still an important part of all of our lives.



## A. Focus on the Reading

Choose the best word or phrase for each sentence.

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1. No one can say exactly what time is. It is one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.
2. Time lets us put things in a \_\_\_\_\_ order. We know that breakfast comes before lunch. The reading class is after the writing class.
3. Time \_\_\_\_\_ us to organise our lives.
4. The Chinese invented a water clock in the eleventh century, but the Egyptians had them long before that. As water \_\_\_\_\_ from one container to another, it measured the passing of time.
5. People also used the Sun to divide the day into hours. They made a large dial on the ground. As the Sun passed over it during the day, the \_\_\_\_\_ on the dial moved around.
6. By the 1700s, people had clocks and watches that were \_\_\_\_\_ to the minute.
7. Some clocks were very beautiful. They had complicated moving parts. Some had \_\_\_\_\_ of people or animals that moved every hour or quarter hour.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ watches have no hands, only numbers that appear on a display.
9. People make schedules and follow them closely. They make appointments for a certain time and arrive \_\_\_\_\_ at that time.
10. In some cultures, people are more relaxed about time. They don't \_\_\_\_\_ it rude to come to an appointment after the scheduled time.



## B. Focus on New Contexts

Choose the best word or phrase for each sentence.

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1. The train leaves at 7:45. Please meet me in the station at \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 so we can buy our tickets and sit together.
2. What happened to the dinosaurs? Why did they disappear? This is another great \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of our world.
3. Something is wrong with the clock in my car. It's not very \_\_\_\_\_. By the end of each day it loses almost 15 minutes, and I have to reset it.
4. I would love to go to a movie tonight! \_\_\_\_\_, there's a comedy that I'd really like to see. It's playing downtown. Let's go there.
5. After the football game is \_\_\_\_\_, let's all go out for pizza together.
6. Traditionally in the United States, wedding cakes have the \_\_\_\_\_ of a bride and groom on the top of the cake.
7. Do people \_\_\_\_\_ it impolite to eat in public in your culture?
8. ATM and bank cards \_\_\_\_\_ people to take money from their bank accounts from all over the world.
9. There is a little hole in my tent. It rained when I went camping last month, and the water \_\_\_\_\_ inside all night long. It was terrible!
10. Manik's new car has a computerized dashboard. All of the information about speed and gas is on a \_\_\_\_\_ display. There are no dials. It's a very nice car.

## 2 UNDERSTANDING THE READING

### A. Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions about the reading.

1. Why is time a mystery?
2. How do we measure time?
3. Why is our ability to measure time important?
4. How does time enable us to organize our lives?
5. Where was the water clock invented?
6. What are some old clocks like?
7. What are today's clocks and watches like?
8. Is it polite or rude to be late?



### B. Details

Circle (○) the letter of the best answer.

1. Our ability to measure time
  - a. makes us late.
  - b. is a mystery.
  - c. enables us to organise our lives.
  - d. explains what time is.
2. The earliest people measured their lives by
  - a. The seasons.
  - b. Day and night
  - c. the changes of the Moon.
  - d. (all of the above)
3. Modern clocks were probably invented in
  - a. China.
  - b. Egypt.
  - c. Europe.
  - d. South America.
4. By the 1700s, clocks were accurate to the
  - a. second.
  - b. minute.
  - c. tenth of a second.
  - d. hundredth of a second.
5. Some watches today have
  - a. alarms.
  - b. radios.
  - c. small televisions.
  - d. (all of the above)



## 3 MAIN IDEAS

Check (✓) the two main ideas of the reading.

- \_\_\_ 1. Measuring time is very important to us, and we measure it several ways.
- \_\_\_ 2. The earliest people measured time by the changes they saw.
- \_\_\_ 3. By the 1700s, clocks were accurate to the minute.
- \_\_\_ 4. We don't know exactly what time is, but we need it in our lives.



## 4 WRITING

How important is time to you? Complete the questionnaire below. Then compare your information with other students.

### Time - A Questionnaire

1. If you have a doctor's appointment for 2:00, what time do you arrive? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. You have been invited to a dinner party at a good friend's house. She said that dinner would be at 7:00 P.M. What time do you arrive? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. You have a job interview at 9:15 A.M. What time do you arrive? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
4. You own a company. You are going to interview someone for a job. The interview is scheduled for 9:15 A.M. What time do you call the person into your office? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Your boss invited you to his house for dinner. He said to come around 8:00 P.M. What time do you arrive? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Your best friend asked you to meet him at a coffee shop at 3:30. You arrive at 3:15, order some coffee, and wait. At 4:00 he is still not there. What do you do? How much longer will you wait? At what time do you become angry? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Your teacher isn't in class yet, and it's 9:35 A.M. Class begins at 9:00 A.M. What do you do? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Some friends from school are having a party. They said it starts at 8:00 P.M. What time do you go to the party? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
9. You asked a friend to meet you at a restaurant at 6:00. You're running late. You arrive at 6:30. Is your friend still there? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Your mother told you to come home by 10:00 P.M. on a Friday night. What time do you go home? \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 WORD STUDY

### A Prepositions

Complete the paragraphs with the correct prepositions.



We talk (1) about time every day. We measure it (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the second, minute, and hour. Still, it is one (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest mysteries (4) \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. Even though we don't understand exactly what time is, our ability to measure it is very important. Time makes our way (5) \_\_\_\_\_ life possible. All members (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a group have to measure time in the same way. Time lets us put things (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a definite order.

Is time important (8) \_\_\_\_\_ your life? Do you wake up (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the same time (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the morning every day? What time do you go (11) \_\_\_\_\_ work or school? Do you usually have dinner (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a certain time (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the evening? How long does it take you to drive (14) \_\_\_\_\_ your house each night? All (15) \_\_\_\_\_ these measurements (16) \_\_\_\_\_ time tell us that it is very important (17) \_\_\_\_\_ all (18) \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### B Noun Substitutes

Read these groups of sentences and study the pronouns in bold print. Circle (○) the noun or noun phrase that each pronoun replaces.

1. But what is time? No one can say exactly what **it** is. **It** is one of the greatest mysteries of our lives.
2. The earliest people saw changes around **them**. **They** saw day and night, the changes of the Moon, and the seasons. **They** started measuring their lives by these changes.
3. Clocks as we know them were probably developed by very religious people in Europe in the thirteenth century. **They** needed to know the exact time so **they** could meet together in church.
4. Some watches are very complicated. **They** keep time for at least two different time zones, they have timers, alarms, radios, and even very small televisions.
5. People make schedules and follow **them** closely. **They** make appointments for a certain time and arrive precisely at that time.
6. No matter how we look at **it**, time is still an important part of our lives.



## 6 BUILDING VOCABULARY SKILLS

Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B.

A	B
___ 1. nutrients	a. go backwards
___ 2. passages	b. takes in
___ 3. border	c. vitamins the body needs
___ 4. preserved	d. areas
___ 5. regions	e. line that divides two countries
___ 6. reverse	f. very bad
___ 7. terrible	g. paths or ways through something
___ 8. absorbs	h. kept very well

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue



ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED AUGUST 24, 2015)

- Answer Key- The Olympic Games  
1. VOCABULARY  
A. 1. attend 2. length 3. competition 4. athletes  
5. national 6. gold medals 7. competitors  
8. amateurs, professionals  
B. 1. national 2. length 3. event  
4. professional 5. athletes 6. race  
7. heroes 8. amateur  
2. UNDERSTANDING THE READING  
A. 1. race 2. 776 B.C. 3. Athens, Greece 4. 1924 5. 15 events 6. both 7. 1900 8. Key 2A - No. 8 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the 2016 Summer Olympics, Pyeongchang, South Korea, for the 2018 Winter Olympics.  
B. 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. T  
C. 2, 3, 5  
4. BUILDING VOCABULARY SKILLS  
A. 1. c 2. f 3. d 4. e 5. b 6. a 7. h 8. g  
B. 1. b 2. d 3. a 4. d 5. c 6. c