

Telling Time

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Beginner English - Sound Grammar

A1 Lesson 15 Conversation 3



Part 1: Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

1	What time is it?	2	What does 'half past' mean?	3	What does half past seven mean?
a	9:30	a	40 mins after	a	6:30
b	10:30	b	30 mins after	b	7:30
c	11:30	c	30 mins before	c	7:40

Part 2: Complete the blanks with the words in the column to the right.

Man: Excuse me. _____?	1	it / time / what / is
Woman: _____ ten.	2	half / It / past / is
Man: I'm sorry, _____.	3	don't / understand / I
Woman: _____.	4	10: 30 / is / It
Man: Oh, thanks. _____ 10:30.	5	means / half/ ten / past
Woman: _____.	6	does/ Yes / it
Man: So _____ 7:30.	7	past / means / half / seven
Woman: Yes, _____.	8	it / got / you

Part 3: Match the questions with the answers.

1	What time is half past five?	That is 5:15.
2	What time is a quarter to three?	That is 2:45.
3	What time is a quarter past five?	That is 12:10 a.m.
4	What time is noon?	That is 5:30.
5	What time is ten past midnight?	That is 12:00 p.m.

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Woman: It is 10:30 .	4	10: 30 / is / It
Man: Oh, thanks. Half past ten means 10:30.	5	means / half/ ten / past
Woman: Yes, it does .	6	does/ Yes / it
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