Unit 10 · Telling Time Cheat Sheet

Unit 10 focus: telling time to the hour on analog and digital clocks

1 BIG IDEA

The short hand tells the hour. At o'clock, the long hand points to 12.

2 IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

hour hand	The short hand. It tells the hour.	It points to 3 at 3 o'clock
minute hand	The long hand. It tells the minutes.	It points to 12 at o'clock
o'clock	Time to the hour, with 0 minutes.	7 o'clock is 7:00
analog clock	A clock with a face and hands.	the classroom clock

3 HOW IT WORKS

Read the clock: short hand at 8, long hand at 12.

Example: 8 and 12
Hour: 8
Minutes: 0

Answer: 8:00, 8 o'clock

4 VISUAL MODEL



8 o'clock: the hour hand is at 8 and the minute hand is at 12.

5 REMEMBER THIS · WATCH OUT!

★ Remember this

- Digital: hours, then a colon, then minutes: 8:00.
- 1 hour later, the hour hand moves to the next number.

⚠ Watch out!

- **Mixing up the hands:** short = hour, long = minutes
- **12:15 for 3 o'clock:** read the short hand for the hour

6 TRY IT!

1. Short hand at 5, long hand at 12
   Answer: 5:00
2. 1 hour after 11:00
   Answer: 12:00

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More practice: telling time to the half hour and matching clock times

1 BIG IDEA

Half past means 30 minutes after the hour. The long hand points to 6 and the short hand is halfway to the next hour.

2 IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

half past	30 minutes after the hour.	half past 4 is 4:30
half hour	30 minutes.	from 2:00 to 2:30
digital clock	A clock that shows numbers only.	9:30
hour hand	The short hand. It tells the hour.	It points to 3 at 3 o'clock

3 HOW IT WORKS

Read the clock: short hand between 3 and 4, long hand at 6.

Example: between 3 and 4
Hour: the number it passed 3
Minutes: 30

Answer: 3:30, half past 3

4 VISUAL MODEL



Half past 3: the hour hand is between 3 and 4.

5 ★ REMEMBER THIS · WATCH OUT!

★ Remember this

- Half past 7 is written 7:30.
- Half an hour after 7:00 is 7:30.

⚠ Watch out!

- **Reading the next hour:** between 3 and 4 is still 3
- **Writing 6:50 or 6:3:** half past 6 is 6:30

6 TRY IT!

1. Half past 11 on a digital clock

   Answer: 11:30

2. Half an hour after 2:00

   Answer: 2:30

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