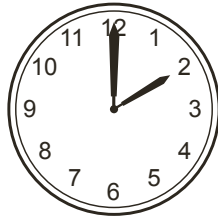


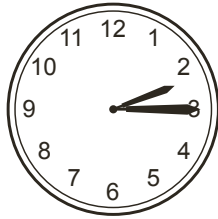
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Talking about the time

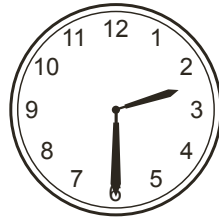
What's the time? or What time is it?



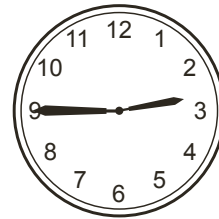
It's two o'clock.



It's two fifteen.
It's **quarter past** two.



It's two **thirty**.
It's **half past** two.



It's two **forty-five**.
It's **quarter to** three.



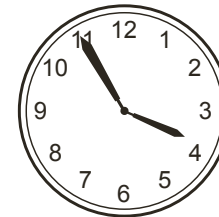
It's three o'clock.



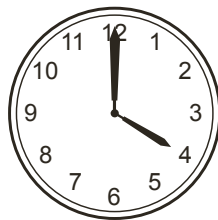
It's three **ten**.
It's **ten past** three.



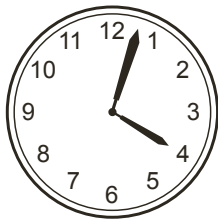
It's three **forty**.
It's **twenty to** four.
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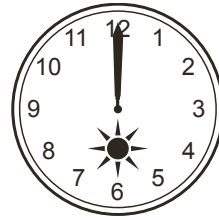
It's three **fifty-five**.
It's **five to** four.



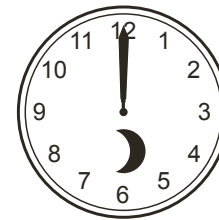
It's four o'clock.



It's four **oh** two.
It's two **minutes past** four.



It's (twelve) **noon**.
It's (twelve) **midday**.



It's (twelve) **midnight**.

Note

twenty-five **past** eight: BrE and AmE; twenty-five **after** eight: AmE only
twenty **to** nine: BrE and AmE; twenty **of** nine: AmE only

B

Start and finish times

You can talk about start and finish times like this:

The company's research laboratory opens **at** eight and closes **at** six.

I work **from** eight fifteen **to** four thirty.

The company's reception area is open **from** eight **until** one and **from** two **until** seven.

C

Morning, afternoon, evening, night

The training session started at eight thirty **in the morning** (8.30 **am**) and finished at four **in the afternoon** (4.00 **pm**).

The conference call will be at seven **in the evening** (7.00 **pm**).

The company's offices are closed **at night**.

16.1 Look at A opposite. Complete the sentences using words only.

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16.2 Look at B and C opposite. Complete the gaps in this information by matching the sentences with the signs.

- 1 It's open seven thirty to four
- 2 It opens nine thirty and closes at
- 3 It's open nine to
- 4 It opens eight fifteen and closes at It doesn't open again the next day.

a

Call centre operates
Monday – Saturday 9.00 – 6.30

c

Bank
9.30 am to 3.30 pm

b

British Consulate
Business Section
Monday – Thursday,
8.15 – 13.45

d

Office opening hours
7.30 am to 4.00 pm

Over to you



- What time is it now?
- What time do you go to work? What time do you get home?