

## Eleven Plus Maths How To Do - Time of the day

We measure time in years, months, weeks or days. We will look at just one day. When we want to know the time during the day we look at a clock or watch.

Our clocks measure the time in hours and minutes. There are two hands on the clock face. One, the long one, tells us the passing of a minute. A minute takes about as long as this, 'one two three four, one two three four, one two three four, one two three four'

The short hand tells us the time in hours.

There are 60 minutes in each hour. When the long hand has swept all the way round the clock face it has covered 1 hour. The hour hand, the short one, has moved to the 1.

The numbers 1, 2, 3 up to 12 tell us how many hours there are in the day, from the start of the day at midnight to midday.

At midday the day is only half over. Again the minute hand sweeps round the clock face and every time it has gone on one, two, three, twelve times from midday to midnight.

The day has ended. There are 12 hours before midday, and 12 hours after midday. The day has 24 hours.