



Eleven Plus Maths How To Do - How to tell the time

From midnight to midday is before noon so we use a.m. From midday to midnight is afternoon so we use p.m.

There are 60 minutes in an hour, and 24 hrs in a day.

There are 12 hours before midday.

There are 12 hours after midday.

When the minute hand is on 12 and the hour hand on 3 then the time is 3 o'clock.

The times are:

- (a) 3 o'clock in the morning. We write it as 3 : 00 a.m. The hour is shown first then the minute. Then a.m.
- (b) 5 o'clock 5 : 00 a.m.
- (c) 7 o'clock 7 : 00 a.m.
- (d) 9 o'clock 9 : 00 a.m.
- (e) 10 o'clock 10 : 00 a.m.

The minute hand has moved on from 12 to 1, which means that the time is now 5 minutes past 3 o'clock.

- (a) 5 past 3 is written 3 : 05 a.m.
- (b) Quarter past 5 is written 5 : 15 a.m.
- (c) 25 past 7 is written 7 : 25 a.m.
- (d) Half past 9 becomes 9 : 30 a.m.
- (e) 40 minutes past 10 becomes 10 : 40 a.m.

There are 12 hours between midnight and midday. These hours are before noon and we use a.m. to show that it is time before noon.

The time in the afternoon is shown using the sign p.m.

These are afternoon times.

- (a) 4 : 50 p.m.
- (b) 5 : 10 p.m.
- (c) 9 : 20 p.m.