



Eleven Plus Maths How To Do - Time - AM

The time on this clock is 2 o'clock. The hour hand is pointing to the 2, and the minute hand is on the 12.

Now the minute hand starts moving. It does little jumps one, two, three, four, five. Now it is on the 1. Five minutes have passed and the clock looks like this. The time is now 5 past 2 in the morning. Another 5 minutes later the time is 10 past 2.

The minute hand sweeps on until it lands on 12. When you look at the hour hand you see it is on 3. The time is 3 o'clock.

20 minutes later the time is 20 past 3.

The minute hand sweeps round the clock face and each time it goes round another hour has passed. The clock now looks like this. The time is 12 o'clock, or midday. Half the day is over. There were 12 hours before midday.

The short way of saying this is to use a.m., which is short for the Latin words meaning before midday.

Our first clock showed the time as 2 o'clock in the morning. We can now write it as 2 : 00 a.m. which means two hours and no minutes after the start of the day at midnight.

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| 10 past 9 in the morning becomes | 9 : 10 a.m. |
| 41 past 8 in the morning becomes | 8 : 41 a.m. |
| 12 past 11 in the morning becomes | 12 : 12 a.m |
| 12 o'clock midday becomes | 12 : 00 |