

## Welcome, Stephanie! Let's learn how to read a clock step by step.

There are two kinds of clocks we'll look at: the **analog clock** (with hands) and the **digital clock** (numbers). Today we'll focus on the analog clock and how to read it.

Two hands on the clock:

- **Hour hand** – the shorter hand. It shows which hour it is.
- **Minute hand** – the longer hand. It shows how many minutes past the hour.

How to read the time:

1. Look at where the **hour hand** is pointing. It tells you the current hour or the hour you are in.
2. Look at where the **minute hand** is pointing. The clock face is divided into 60 minutes. Each number on the clock (1 through 12) represents 5-minute steps. So:
  - 12 = 0 minutes
  - 1 = 5 minutes
  - 2 = 10 minutes
  - 3 = 15 minutes
  - 4 = 20 minutes
  - 5 = 25 minutes
  - 6 = 30 minutes
  - 7 = 35 minutes
  - 8 = 40 minutes
  - 9 = 45 minutes
  - 10 = 50 minutes
  - 11 = 55 minutes

Example 1: If the hour hand is between 3 and 4, and the minute hand is on 12, it is 3:00.

Example 2: If the hour hand is between 3 and 4, and the minute hand is on 6, it is 3:30.

Tip: For times like 3:01 or 3:02, the minute hand points near 12 but a little past it. The exact minute is counted from 1 to 59.

Quick practice:

- Clock shows hour hand on 5 and minute hand on 12 → 5:00
- Hour hand on 7 and minute hand on 3 → 7:15
- Hour hand between 9 and 10, minute hand on 6 → about 9:30

With practice, you'll read times faster. If you want, I can give you more practice clocks to read!