



Fluency Facts

Year 3 - Summer 1

I can tell the time to the nearest five minutes

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

Children need to be able to tell the time

using a clock with hands. This target can be broken down into several steps.

- I can tell the time to the nearest hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest half hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest quarter hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest five minutes



Key Vocabulary

Twelve o'clock

Half past two

Quarter past three

Quarter to nine

Five past one

Twenty-five to ten

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising little and often. Use time wisely. Can you practise these Fluency Facts while walking to school or during a car journey? You do not need to practise them all at once; perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Talk about time - Discuss what time things happen. When does your child wake up? What time do they eat breakfast? Make sure that you have an analogue clock visible in your house or that your child wears a watch with hands. Once your child is confident telling the time, see if you can find more challenging clocks e.g. with Roman numerals or no numbers marked.

Ask your child the time regularly - You could also give your child some responsibility for watching the clock:

'The cakes need to come out of the oven at twenty-five minutes past four exactly.'

'We need to leave the house at twenty-five to nine.'