

# **In Good Times**

**Pre- Advanced Kids - Lesson 2**

## Lesson 2. In Good Times



1. Are you good at managing your time?
2. Do you have much spare time?
3. What do you spend too much time doing?
4. Do you ever waste time?

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## Listening 2.1: Date and Time of a Field Trip

1. What time are they leaving for the field trip?
2. What day is December 2<sup>nd</sup>?
3. Why does she need to arrive at 7:30?
4. How long is their field trip?
5. What time will the bus arrive back to campus?
6. Where is she going to post all of the information?

Use these words and expressions in a sentence.

**field trip**  
**Mark**

**half an hour early**  
**load**

**on time**  
**pick up**

**check it out**  
**get a chance**

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## English exercise "Expressions with time"

1. I can't stop working, my time is valuable. You know the proverb:  
a. time is money                      b. time heals all wounds                      c. it's time for something new
2. I've got to go now, it's late.  
a. How time flies!                      b. Time moves fast!                      c. Time-out!
3. I went to the meeting this morning but I didn't learn anything, it was .....  
a. a waste of time                      b. a loss of time                      c. a time loss
4. I must give this report tomorrow so I'll have to work all night :  
a. time is over                      b. it's about time                      c. time is running out
5. I arrived at the post-office at 7, but it didn't open until 8, so I walked around .....  
a. making up for lost time                      b. keeping time                      c. killing time
6. Many rate Mozart as the best composer.....  
a. in time                      b. at any time                      c. of all times
7. At the basketball game the coach wanted to talk to the players, so he called a .....  
a. time-over                      b. time-out                      c. time
8. Now that my son is on holiday he doesn't know what to do all day, he has got .....  
a. a lot of time                      b. time                      c. too much time on his hands
9. Will this treatment be successful ? I don't know, .....  
a. time is running out                      b. time heals all wounds                      c. only time will tell
10. \_\_\_\_\_ you get there the meeting will be over.  
a. By the time                      b. In the time                      c. At the time



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## Match the two halves of the sentences

Since I changed to a part-time contract I have

Keep searching for that car key. There isn't

I'm glad he bought a new pair of jeans. It's about

Counting up all the pennies in the money box was  
very

I think Bill is happy in his small flat for

Natalia said she'd love a coffee and a chat but  
she's

Their date didn't go well because she spent

He hadn't finished yet when the examiner  
announced that

It's only a matter of

We'll be driving to the airport this

much time left before your parents get home!

the time-being.

time-consuming.

short of time today.

time was up.

time he threw those old ones away.

the whole time talking about her ex-boyfriend.

time next week.

time before Adam finds out the truth.

more time on my hands.



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**Listening 2.2** : Listen to Richard and Molly talking about plans for the weekend. Complete the timetables with their activities.

Saturday			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Richard	go <input type="text"/>	go to a <input type="text"/>	
Molly	go swimming	go to the <input type="text"/>	go to the <input type="text"/>
Molly's mum	do <input type="text"/>		
Sunday			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Richard		play <input type="text"/>	play <input type="text"/>
Molly	go <input type="text"/>	do <input type="text"/>	
Molly's sister			do yoga
Molly's parents			go to a <input type="text"/>



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## Time expressions in English

There are many words and expressions to refer to time. You can use these to sequence events and to make stories and anecdotes more interesting.

### The present – permanent

Use the present simple tense to refer to permanent situations in the present.

I **now** live in a small town.

**Nowadays** I live in a small town.

**These days**, I don't have much of a social life.

### The present – temporary

Use the present continuous tense to refer to temporary situations in the present.

**At present** / **At the moment** I'm living in a small town.

**For the time being** I'm living in a small town, but I hope to move soon.

### Talking about a period of time in the past

My mother started work as a nurse in the 1960s.

**In those days** she lived in London.

**Back then** nurses were badly paid.

**At that time**, nurses lived in special accommodation.

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## Talking about a single event in the past

**At one time** she lost her door key and had to stay in a hotel.

**On one occasion** she nursed the son of a famous politician.

## Sequencing events in the past

There are many ways to sequence events in the past. Here are some of the more common ones.

**After** (in the middle of a sentence)

**Afterwards** / **After that** / **After a while** (at the beginning of a sentence)

**Then** / **Before** (in the middle or at the beginning of a sentence)

**Before that** / **Previously** / **Until then** (At the beginning of a sentence)

**By the time** (in the middle of a sentence followed by a past perfect tense)

**By then** / **by that time** (at the beginning of a sentence)

## Other expressions to refer to the next event in a story

Later on                      Before long      At that moment / Suddenly

Meanwhile                  At the same time

Simultaneously (a more formal way of saying meanwhile / at the same time)

I worked and then went shopping. **Later on** I met some friends for pizza.

I waited for a while in the restaurant. **Before long**, the waiter came up and asked me...

**At that moment** / **Suddenly**, I heard the door slam.

**Meanwhile** / **At the same time** / **Simultaneously** my phone started to ring.



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**Identify whether the highlighted word is correct. Give the correct form of the word/s if incorrect.**

People today **is** always thinking about the time. There never **seem** to be enough time to do all the things we want to do. Believe it or not, there was **a** time before time was so important. It **is** enough to know that the sun was **outside**. That **means**, it was day time. During **these** days when the clock seems to control us, **didn't** that sound kind of nice?

Time can mean a lot of different **things**. That's one way we know how important it **was** for us. We have so many words **about** it! The smallest amount of time we can measure **were** called second. When you put 60 seconds together, you get one minute. If you get 60 minutes, you get **one hour**. The hands of the clock go all the way around twice in 24 hours, giving us **one day**.

If you **wants** to look at the time beyond one day, you **have left** the clock and look **on** the calendar instead. There are about **30 days** in one month. Some months have an extra day ; February has a couple less. There are 12 months in a year. Time never **stop**.

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**Listening 2.3 : Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.**

**1. What time does the man get up?**

- A. at 5:00 a.m.
- B. at 6:00 a.m.
- C. at 7:00 a.m.

**2. What time does he get to work?**

- A. at 7:00 a.m.
- B. at 8:00 a.m.
- C. at 9:00 a.m.

**3. What does he do with his family around 6:30 p.m.?**

- A. They read books together.
- B. They play games.
- C. They eat dinner.

**4. What do the man and his wife do after the kids go to bed?**

- A. They watch TV.
- B. They clean the house.
- C. They listen to music.

**5. What is one thing the man does NOT say about his wife?**

- A. She has to take their children to school.
- B. She helps the kids with their homework.
- C. She goes shopping for food.



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## Fill in the Blanks. Use the correct tense.

1. “I was surprised that Bill and Jackie got married. Do you think they’ll be happy together?” “Only \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. The last day for submitting project proposals is one week from today – so now it’s \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We got to the airport \_\_\_\_\_ – if we’d arrived 15 minutes later, we would’ve missed our flight.
4. He was just \_\_\_\_\_ he got a chance to work at his dream job.
5. Hi Peter! You \_\_\_\_\_ – I’m about to go into a meeting. Could I call you back in an hour?
6. My grandmother was \_\_\_\_\_ – she opened her own company in an era when there were few women in the business world.
7. “Why is it taking so long for my career to take off?”  
“\_\_\_\_\_... just keep working hard and you’ll make it.”
8. Bob is a bit \_\_\_\_\_ – he doesn’t know how to use a computer, much less a smartphone!
9. I’m \_\_\_\_\_ trying to install this software – every time I try, I get a different error message.
10. In order to meet the deadline, you need to send us the contract by Monday – \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The company has lost money for the third year in a row; it’s \_\_\_\_\_ before it goes bankrupt.
12. My kids \_\_\_\_\_ at Disney World.
13. This is a classic work of literature. It has \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Ahead of her time**
2. **Behind the times**
3. **A race against time**
4. **In the nick of time**
5. **Have the time of your life**
6. **Have a hell of a time**
7. **Bide your time until**
8. **Catch at a bad time**
9. **All in good time**
10. **Only a matter of time**
11. **Stand the test of time**
12. **Time is of the essence**
13. **The big time**
14. **Time will tell**

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## ► Explain the following proverbs and sayings

The early bird catches the worm

It's no use crying over spilt milk

A stitch in time saves nine

When the cat's away the mice will play.

Make hay while the sun shines

You can't teach an old dog new things

Strike while the iron is hot.

No one can call back yesterday

We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

A watched pot never boils

Don't count your chickens before they're hatched

Time is gold

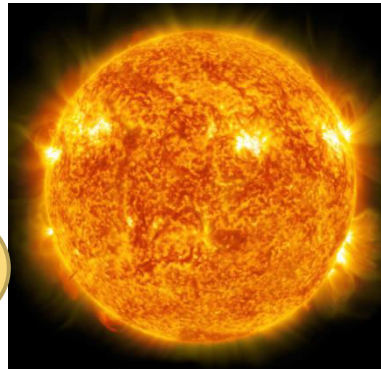
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What do these pictures depict about time?

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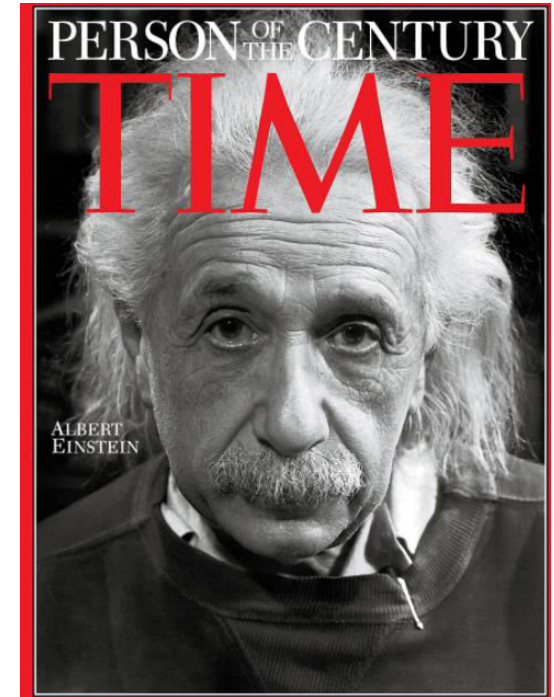
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## Critical Thinking!

1. Do you always think about time?
2. Do you always wear a watch?
3. Do you have a time-table for the day?
4. Why do you think time flies when you're having fun?
5. During what activities does time seem to pass slowly?
6. Are you always getting things done on time? Why or Why not?
7. Do you agree that time will tell?
8. What is the most time-consuming thing you do in your life?
9. Do you agree that there is no time like the present?
10. What do you do to kill time?
11. Do you think people are too concerned about time?
12. Do you think time travel will be possible in the future?
13. They say time "heals all wounds", do you agree or disagree?
14. If you had two extra hours in the day, what would you do with them?
15. Einstein said: "The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once." What do you think of this quote?



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# The End