

Time measuring. Imperial and metric measures

Telling the time

In the UK, just before a full hour we say:

It's *about* five o'clock.

It's *almost* five o'clock.

It's *nearly* five o'clock.

Complete the sentences using the correct dates.

Example (5/8) *The restaurant is closed on 5th August.*

- 1 (23/5) We'd like to book a table for two on
- 2 (7/11) The new bar opens on
- 3 (24/12) Does the restaurant open on ... ?
- 4 (15/2) My holiday begins on
- 5 (30/8) The train leaves at 9.15 a.m. on
- 6 (27/5) Could I reserve a double room on ... ?

Read the notes and make questions and answers.

Example what / the restaurant serve dinner (7.00–10.30)

What time does the restaurant serve dinner?

From 7.00 to 10.30.

- 1 when / the restaurant open for lunch (12.15–3.00)
- 2 what / my flight leave (18.20)
- 3 when / the group arrive from Russia (6.45 p.m.)
- 4 what / the exchange bureau open (8.00 a.m.)
- 5 what / the train leave (14.50)
- 6 when / the fitness centre close (10.30 p.m.)

Culture tip

In the US and UK an invitation to dinner at 7.30 means you arrive at about 7.40 to 7.45. What time would you arrive in your country?

What's the time?
What time is it?
Could you please tell me the time?
Do you have the time?

It is (it's)

Write the time



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Match the abbreviations to their full forms

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|--------|---|---------------|
| 1 tbsp | → | a) teaspoon |
| 2 g/gr | | b) tablespoon |
| 3 l | | c) pound |
| 4 cl | | d) ounce |
| 5 kg | | e) gram |
| 6 tsp | | f) litre |
| 7 oz | | g) kilogram |
| 8 lb | | h) centilitre |

Conversion tables

WEIGHT	
Imperial	Metric
1 oz	25 g
2 oz	55 g
3 1/2 oz	100 g
5 1/2 oz	150 g
1 lb	450 g
1 lb 2 oz	500 g
2 lb 4 oz	1 kg
3 lb 5 oz	1.5 kg
4 lb 8 oz	2 kg
6 lb 8 oz	3 kg

VOLUME	
Imperial	Metric
1/4 tsp	1.25 ml
1/2 tsp	2.5 ml
1 tsp	5 ml
2 tsp	10 ml
3 tsp / 1 tbsp	15 ml
2 tbsp	30 ml
3 tbsp	45 ml
4 tbsp	60 ml
5 tbsp	75 ml
6 tbsp	90 ml

AMERICAN CUPS	
Cups	Metric
1/4 cup	60 ml
1/3 cup	70 ml
1/2 cup	125 ml
2/3 cup	150 ml
3/4 cup	175 ml
1 cup	250 ml
1 1/2 cups	375 ml
2 cups	500 ml
3 cups	750 ml
4 cups	1 litre
6 cups	1.5 litres

TEMPERATURE	
°C	°F
70	150
80	175
100	200
110	225
130	250
140	275
150	300
170	325
180	350
190	375
200	400
220	425
230	450
240	475
250	500
270	525
290	550

ABBREVIATIONS	
tsp	teaspoon
tbsp	tablespoon
oz	ounce
fl oz	fluid ounce
lb	pound
g / gr	gram
kg	kilogram
l	litre
cl	centilitre
ml	millilitre

Which is the larger measure?

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 a) a dash | b) 3 fluid ounces ✓ |
| 2 a) a tablespoon | b) a teaspoon |
| 3 a) a pound | b) an ounce |
| 4 a) 2 tablespoons | b) a cup |
| 5 a) a drop | b) a litre |
| 6 a) a teaspoon | b) a cup |
| 7 a) an ounce | b) a gram |
| 8 a) a pound | b) a kilogram |