


# 05 Times and dates

There are many ways of saying the time and the date in English. American and British English speakers often use different forms.

 **New language** Precise times

**Aa Vocabulary** Dates in US and UK English

 **New skill** Talking about times and dates

## 5.1 KEY LANGUAGE SAYING WHAT THE TIME IS

US English and informal spoken UK English use the 12-hour clock.



nine thirty

half past nine



three forty-five

quarter to four



nine twenty-five

twenty-five past nine



three fifty

ten to four



nine twenty-seven

twenty-seven minutes past nine



three fifty-one

nine minutes to four

Saying "minutes" shows you are being precise about the time.

You might hear the 24-hour clock in public transport announcements.

**07:00**

oh seven hundred

**08:43**

oh eight forty-three

**16:26**

sixteen twenty-six



## 5.2 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE TIMES IN THE PANEL

Sofia and Dylan are going to see a play. Dylan calls Sofia to say he will be late.



Dylan's train was due to arrive at 18:07.

3 The play starts at \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Dylan's train was due to leave at \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Sofia will wait for Dylan until \_\_\_\_\_.

2 The new arrival time of the train is \_\_\_\_\_.

5 The intermission of the play is at \_\_\_\_\_.

7:30pm

~~18:07~~

17:14

8:45pm

18:55

7:25pm

### 5.3 KEY LANGUAGE DATES

Dates in American English are usually written with the month first. Dates in British English are usually written with the day first.



**US**

03/10/04  
03/10/2004  
March 10, 2004  
March 10th, 2004

March tenth,  
two thousand and four

**UK**

10/03/04  
10/03/2004  
10 March 2004  
10th March 2004

the tenth of March,  
two thousand and four



### Aa 5.4 MATCH THE US DATES WITH THE UK DATES

US	UK
07/08/2006	06/04/2006
1 April 6th, 2006	8 July 2006
2 06/02/2006	09/08/2006
3 August 9th, 2006	6th May 2006
4 05/06/2006	2nd June 2006

### 5.5 LOOK AT THE POSTER, THEN RESPOND TO THE AUDIO, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

What time does the music start?

At 12 o'clock.



1 When does the music finish every day?



2 What date does the festival begin?



3 What date does the parking lot close?



4 What time do the campsites close?



### 05 CHECKLIST



Precise times ☐

Aa Dates in US and UK English ☐



Talking about times and dates ☐