

# 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.

**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

07/08/2006

1 April 6th, 2006

2 06/02/2006

3 August 9th, 2006

4 05/06/2006

UK

06/04/2006

8 July 2006

09/08/2006

6th May 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?

## FESTIVAL

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### THE TANGS • PALERMO FITZ

Music begins in the main arena  
at 12:00pm on Friday 14th August.  
Music finishes at 11:30pm every evening.

PARKING LOT OPENS  
10:00AM FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST  
PARKING LOT CLOSES  
12:00PM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

CAMPSITES OPEN  
10:30AM FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST  
CAMPSITES CLOSE  
11:45AM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

2 What date does the festival begin?

4 What time do the campsites close?

3 What date does the parking lot close?



### 05 ✓ CHECKLIST

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