Lesson 61

Reading the analog clock — to the nearest minute

MODULE 5 · TIME AND MONEY MEASURES

An analog clock has two hands. The **short hand** shows the **hour**. The **long hand** shows the **minutes** — count round in fives from the 12.

→ Short hand on **3**, long hand on **6** → **3:30** (half past three).
→ Short hand just past **7**, long hand on **9** → **7:45** (quarter to eight).
→ Long hand on **2** is **10 past**. On **10** is **10 to**.

HOW TO ANSWER TODAY

- **Read an analog clock.** Hour hand (short) → which hour. Minute hand (long) → minutes, counting in 5s.
  Hour hand past 10, minute hand on 3 → 10:15

TRY IT ON THE LINE

The first clock shows 3:25 — the short hand sits just past 3 and the long hand points to 5. For each of the next three clocks, draw the hour and minute hands to match the time below.



3:25



7:10



9:45



12:55

1. Clock 1 (drawn): **3:25** — short hand just past 3, long hand on 5.
2. Clock 2: draw the hands to show **7:10**.
3. Clock 3: draw the hands to show **9:45** — where does the long hand point?
4. Clock 4: draw the hands to show **12:55** — the trickiest! The hour hand is almost on 1.

PRACTICE

1. Aoife glances at the classroom clock just before her 5th class music recital begins. The minute hand points to the **7** and the hour hand sits just past the **3**. What time is it?

   On an analog clock, the minute hand points to the 7 and the hour hand sits just past the 3. What time is it?

2. During a class assembly in 5th class, Tadhg looks up at the hall clock. The minute hand is pointing to the **7** and the hour hand is sitting just past the **12**. What time is it?

   On an analog clock, the minute hand points to the 7 and the hour hand sits just past the 12. What time is it?