

Reading the analog clock – to the nearest minute

MODULE 5 · TIME AND MONEY NUMBER

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.

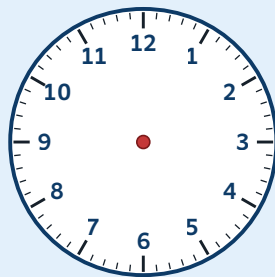
Hour hand past 10, minute hand on 3 → **10:15**

TRY IT ON THE LINE

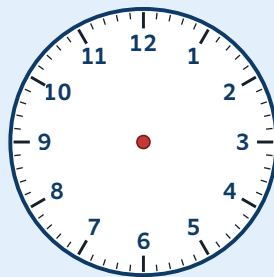
The first clock shows **3:25** – the short hand sits just past 3 and the long hand points to 5. For each of the next three clocks, draw the hour and minute hands to match the time below.



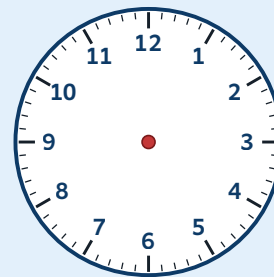
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7:10



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?