

READING 7:43 TWO WAYS

- 1 The minute hand sits just before the **9** (45 minutes), so count back two marks: **43** minutes past.
- 2 The hour hand is past **7**, so the digital time is **7:43**.
- 3 From 43 up to 60 is **17** minutes, so 7:43 is the same as **17** minutes to 8.



↔ MATCH-UP

Match each time description to its digital time.

a. half past 3

b. quarter past 7

c. quarter to 5

d. 20 minutes past 9

e. 10 minutes to 12

f. 5 minutes past 2

1. 2:05

2. 3:30

3. 7:15

4. 11:50

5. 4:45

6. 9:20

📌 PRACTICE

- 1 The reading lesson begins when the classroom clock shows **2:09**. Write this time in words as a 'past' time.
- 2 In the library the minute hand sits just past the **3**. Count on from fifteen to find the exact minute past the hour.
- 3 The wall clock in room **7** has its hour hand near the **7** and its minute hand near the **9**. Write the exact digital time it shows.

! SPOT THE MISTAKE

Aoife reads a clock showing the hour hand just past 3 and the minute hand pointing at the 4. She writes:

3:04

Aoife is wrong. What time does the clock show? Explain.

IRISH FACT

The Six One News

RTÉ's flagship evening bulletin, the **Six One News**, begins at **18:01** — one minute past six — a time you read to the exact minute on both an analog face and a digital clock.

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REFLECT

Which do you find quicker to read — an analog face or a digital display — and why?