

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 one small mark 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 between the **7** and the **8**, and its minute hand exactly on the **9**. Write the exact digital time.

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.

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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?