## Time, time devices

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Time is the continuum from past to present to future.
It is also the interval between two events or the duration of a single event.

## Measuring Time



Time is measured with clocks and other timing devices.


12-hour clocks

watches

sand timers

sundial


stopwatches

## Global Timekeeping

Time is so important to human activity that timekeeping is coordinated at an international level using over 200 atomic clocks. International Atomic Time (TAI) is the most accurate time.

Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is used to synchronize timekeeping systems around the earth.

## Telling time - o'clock

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Hour Hand on hour

Minute Hand on 12-o'clock


## 8 o'clock



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## Telling time - half past

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Hour Hand half way past hour

Minute Hand on 6 - half past


half past 2

half past 4
half past 10

## Telling time - quarter hours

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Minute Hand on 9 - quarter to


## quarter to 8

## 7:45


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## Telling time - nearest 5 minutes

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Hour Hand past hour


## 20 minutes past 7

Minute Hand on minutes past

## 7:20



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## Telling time - nearest minute

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Hour Hand past hour


## 23 minutes past 8

Minute Hand on minutes past

## 8:23


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## Digital clocks

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A digital clock uses digits (numbers) to show the time.
Digital clocks can be be made cheaply and are included in a wide range of devices such as phones, computers, media players, televisions, microwave ovens and other household appliances.

## Example

The digits show the time with the hours, minutes and seconds often separated by a colon. hours minutes seconds

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$$

Many digital clocks show twenty-four hour time intervals to avoid using a.m. and p.m.

USUALLY:

- the hours are shown on the left
- the minutes are shown on the right - the seconds are further to the right if shown.


## AM PM

Time
before midday after midday

24-hour time
00:00-11:59
12:01-11:59

Abbreviations am a.m. AM A.M.
pm p.m. PM P.M.

## Times of the day

From: A Maths Dictionary for Kids by Jenny Eather at www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com
A day is the time it takes for the earth to revolve once.

## 1 day = 24 hours

night

day

sunset

night

00:00 0:00 midnight Sleeping 01:00 1:00 a.m. Sleeping
02:00 2:00 a.m. Sleeping 03:00 3:00 a.m. Sleeping 04:00 4:00 a.m. Sleeping 05:00 5:00 a.m. Sleeping 06:00 6:00 a.m. Waking 07:00 7:00 a.m. Breakfast time 08:00 8:00 a.m. Go to school 09:00 9:00 a.m. Class 10:00 10:00 11:00 11:00
12:00 12:00
13:00 1:00
14:00 2:00
3:00
4:00
a.m. Class.
a.m. Morning tea noon Class
p.m. Lunchtime p.m. Class
p.m. Go home
p.m. Afternoon tea
p.m. Play
p.m. Homework
p.m. Dinner time
p.m. Bedtime
p.m. Sleeping
p.m. Sleeping
p.m. Sleeping

24:00 12:00 midnight Sleeping


## 24-hour time

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## Days of the week

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A day is the time it takes for the earth to revolve once.


## 7 days = 1 week

Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday

## Sunday


weekdays or school days weekend


Each new day starts at midnight.
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## Months of the year

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A month is approximately the time it takes the moon to orbit the earth.

12 months = 1 year
January
February

## March

April
May
June
July

## August

## September

## October

## November

## December

## Days in the month



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## Seasons of the year

From: A Maths Dictionary for Kids by Jenny Eather at www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com
A season is a period of the year based on changes in hours of daylight, temperature, weather and changes in nature. The northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere have opposite seasons.
Seasons occur because of the $23.5^{\circ}$ tilt of the earth as it orbits the sun. Some parts of the earth are more exposed to the sun than others, depending on the time of year.
Calendars may use meteorological seasons based on temperature and other changes or astronomical seasons based on the earth's position in its orbit around the sun.


Northern
Hemisphere


Southern Hemisphere

The meteorological seasons are:
Summer June, July, August
Autumn September, October, November
Winter
Spring
December, January, February March, April, May

Summer Autumn
Winter
Spring
December, January, February March, April, May
June, July, August
September, October, November
The astronomical seasons are:
Using equinoxes and solstices, approximately:
Summer
Autumn
Northern
Hemisphere
Spring
begins 21 June
begins 22 September
begins 21 December
begins 20 March

Tropical regions often have just two seasons, the dry season and the wet season and some south Asian nations and indigenous cultures have more than four seasons.

## Calendar and date

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A calendar is a table showing the year broken up into months, weeks and days. Many calendars show one month per page.

Calendar month

| April 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |

## Writing the date

The date shows a given day, month and year.
 The date may be written in many different ways.

| WORDS and NUMBERS | LONG $\quad$10th April 2014 <br> Thursday, Aprill 10, 2014 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | SHORT $\quad$10 Apr 14 <br> Apr 10, 14 |

## NUMBERS only

| LONG | $10 / 04 / 20$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 04.10 .20 |
| SHORT | $10 / 4 / 14$ |
|  | 4.10 .14 |

## Time facts

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Time Measurement Units } \\
& 1000 \text { milliseconds }=1 \text { second } \\
& 60 \text { seconds }=1 \text { minute } \\
& 60 \text { minutes }=1 \text { hour } \\
& 24 \text { hours }=1 \text { day } \\
& 7 \text { days }=1 \text { week } \\
& 2 \text { weeks }=1 \text { fortnight } \\
& 4 \text { weeks }=1 \text { month } \\
& 12 \text { months }=1 \text { year } \\
& 52 \text { weeks }=1 \text { year } \\
& 365 \text { days }=1 \text { year } \\
& 366 \text { days }=1 \text { leap year } \\
& 10 \text { years }=1 \text { decade } \\
& 100 \text { years }=1 \text { century } \\
& 1000 \text { years }=1 \text { millennium }
\end{aligned}
$$



## Global Timekeeping

Time is so important to human activity that timekeeping is coordinated at an international level using atomic clocks which are accurate to the nearest second over millions of years.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is also used to synchronize timekeeping systems around the earth.
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## Time zones

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So countries around the world can have similar times during the day, different places on the Earth need to have different clock times.
Starting from the Greenwich or Prime Meridian ( $0^{\circ}$ longitude), the world has been divided into 24 time zones based on Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).


Greenwich Meridian International Dateline
This is a very simple map. Many land time zone lines vary so that each country can have a manageable time system.

The use of daylight saving time in many countries also changes how many hours the time in one place differs from the time in another place.

(1) London 12:00 noon
(2) New York 7:00 a.m.
(3) Sydney 10:00 p.m.

Australia is divided into three separate time zones:
Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) = UTC +10,
Australian Central Standard Time (ACST) $=$ UTC $+91 / 2$,

- Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) = UTC + 8 .


## Timelines

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A timeline displays a list of events in chronological order.

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## Timetables

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A timetable is a chart showing events organised according to a time schedule.
Example: Pirate School


Pirate School - Weekly Timetable

|  | M | T | W | Th | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9:00 | Arrr! Arrr! Arrr! practice | Yo-ho-ho! practice | Shiver me timbers! practice | Crow's nest climbing | Landlubber spotting |
| 10:00 | Parrot care and handling | Cutlass sharpening | Cannon loading | Pirate hat making | Eye patch design |
| 11:00 | All hands on deck. |  |  |  |  |
| 11:15 | Burying treasure | Sail hoisting | Jolly Roger design | Navigation nasties | Spyglass skills |
| 11:45 | Bilge pumping duty | Cat o' nine tails swinging | Shanty singing | Beard trimming | Pirate legend telling |
| 12:30 | All hands on deck. |  |  |  |  |
| 1:00 | Plank walking avoidance strategies | Hornpipes for beginners | Keelhauling avoidance strategies | $\begin{gathered} \text { Deck } \\ \text { swabbing } \\ \text { duties } \end{gathered}$ | Pieces of eight counting |
| 2:00 | Sword fighting championship | Wooden leg carving | Treasure map making | Blunderbuss maintenance | Rum ration management |
| 3:00 All hands abandon ship. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Timetables useful fo looking up starting tim finishing ti and durati of events | he e, ne n <br> Pirate |  |
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## Time conversions

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# Convert - larger to smaller 

larger to smaller ... multiply
Examples: years to months ... multiply by 12
days to hours ... multiply by 24
hours to minutes ... multiply by 60
Convert - smaller to larger
smaller to larger ... divide
Examples: months to years ... divide by 12
hours to days ... divide by 24
minutes to hours ... divide by 60
NOTE:
Often the remainder is still written as the smaller unit.


## Units



1000 milliseconds $=1$ second
60 seconds $=1$ minute
60 minutes $=1$ hour
24 hours = 1 day
7 days $=1$ week
2 weeks = 1 fortnight
4 weeks $=1$ month

12 months = 1 year
52 weeks $=1$ year 365 days $=1$ year 366 days $=1$ leap year 10 years $=1$ decade
100 years $=1$ century
1000 years $=1$ millennium

