

Quelle heure est-il ? Telling Time in French

Join Rosa the Parrot on a journey through the day – let's master the French clock!

- To state the hour, always begin your sentence with 'Il est' followed by the number and the word 'heure'.
- When the long hand is on the 3, we add 'et quart' to the hour.
- When the long hand is on the 6, we say 'et demie' to show the half hour has passed.
- To say quarter to, we use 'moins le quart' after the next upcoming hour.
- Always remember to use the singular 'heure' for 1:00, but use the plural 'heures' for all other numbers.

Did you know? Did you know? In France, while the 12-hour clock is used in casual conversation, many public signs and transport timetables use the 24-hour clock (l'heure officielle). So, 2:00 PM is often written as 14h00!

Key vocabulary: Quelle heure est-il? (What time is it?) · Il est... (It is...) · une heure (one o'clock) · et quart (quarter past) · et demie (half past) · moins le quart (quarter to) · du matin (in the morning) · de l'après-midi (in the afternoon)