

Mastering Time with Max the Monkey

Tick-tock, let's unlock the clock with Max's guide to time!

- To convert a PM time (after 12:00) to the 24-hour clock, simply add 12 to the hour. For example, 3:00 PM becomes 15:00.
- There are 60 minutes in one hour and 60 seconds in one minute. Always remember to regroup when your total minutes reach 60 or more.
- To calculate the duration between two times, count the hours first, then the minutes. Max suggests using a number line to jump across the hour marks.
- AM stands for 'ante meridiem' (before midday) and PM stands for 'mail meridiem' (after midday).
- When reading an analogue clock, the short hand is the hour hand and the long hand is the minute hand. The thin, moving hand is the second hand.

Did you know? Did you know? The 24-hour clock is often called 'military time' or 'astronomical time'. Because it starts at 00:00 at midnight and goes all the way to 23:59, it avoids the confusion of AM and PM, which is why airports and train stations use it to keep travellers on track!

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