

Max's Magnificent Clock Shop!

Tick-tock, let's unlock the secrets of the clock with Max the Monkey!

- The short hand is the hour hand. It moves slowly to show which hour of the day it is.
- The long hand is the minute hand. When it points to the 6, it is half past the hour.
- When the minute hand points to the 3, we say it is quarter past the hour.
- When the minute hand points to the 9, we say it is quarter to the next hour.
- There are 60 minutes in one hour and 30 minutes in half an hour.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'clock' comes from an old word that means 'bell'. Long ago, people listened for the town bell to know what time it was before they had clocks in their own homes!

Key vocabulary: Analogue clock · Hour hand · Minute hand · Quarter past · Half past · Quarter to · Intervals