

Max's Busy Day: A Time-Telling Adventure

Learning objective: To tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.

Help Max the monkey work out his daily schedule. Read the passage and use your maths skills to answer the questions about the clocks.

Max the monkey is very busy today! He starts his morning stretches at 8 o'clock. By quarter past 8, he is ready for breakfast. At half past 9, Max meets his friend Pip the caterpillar to read stories in the garden. They finish their reading at quarter to 10. Max has to be very careful to look at the short hour hand and the long minute hand to make sure he is never late for his fun activities.

Word bank: o'clock · half past · quarter past · quarter to · minute hand · hour hand

1. Max starts his stretches at 8 o'clock. If he stretches for one hour, what time does he finish? (2 marks)

2. Look at the clock face. If the long minute hand is pointing at the 3, and the short hour hand is just past the 8, what time is it? (2 marks)

3. Max meets Pip at half past 9. Write this time in digital format (using the colon). (1 mark)

4. If Max finishes reading at quarter to 10, which number is the long minute hand pointing towards? (1 mark)

5. Max buys a banana for 50p and an apple for 30p at 11 o'clock. How much money does he spend in total? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a clock face showing the time 'quarter to 4'. Make sure the short hour hand is almost at the 4 and the long minute hand is pointing at the 9.



Extension challenge: Max wants to bake a cake. It takes 30 minutes to prepare and 30 minutes to bake. If he starts at 2 o'clock, what time will the cake be ready to eat?