

Rosa's Spanish Time-Telling Flashcards

Learning objective: To master telling the time in Spanish, including using 'y' (past) and 'menos' (to) for digital and analogue clock reading.

Use these flashcards to practise your Spanish time-telling skills. Rosa the parrot suggests saying the phrases out loud to help with your pronunciation. Remember: in Spanish, we use 'Es la' for one o'clock and 'Son las' for all other hours.

How do you say 'It is one o'clock' in Spanish?

Es la una en punto.

How do you say 'It is two o'clock' in Spanish?

Son las dos en punto.

What does 'y cuarto' mean when telling the time?

Quarter past.

What does 'y media' mean when telling the time?

Half past.

How do you say 'It is quarter to three' in Spanish?

Son las tres menos cuarto.

How do you say 'It is ten past four' in Spanish?

Son las cuatro y diez.

How do you express 'twenty to six' in Spanish?

Son las seis menos veinte.

If a clock shows 12:00, how would you say it?

Son las doce en punto.

How do you say 'It is five past seven' in Spanish?

Son las siete y cinco.

How do you say 'It is twenty-five to eight' in Spanish?

Son las ocho menos veinticinco.

Explain the grammatical rule for using 'Es la' versus 'Son las'.

'Es la' is used exclusively for one o'clock (singular), while 'Son las' is used for all other hours (plural).

Justify why 'menos' is used for times after the half-hour mark.

'Menos' means 'minus' or 'less'; it indicates how many minutes remain until the next full hour, effectively counting backwards from the following hour.