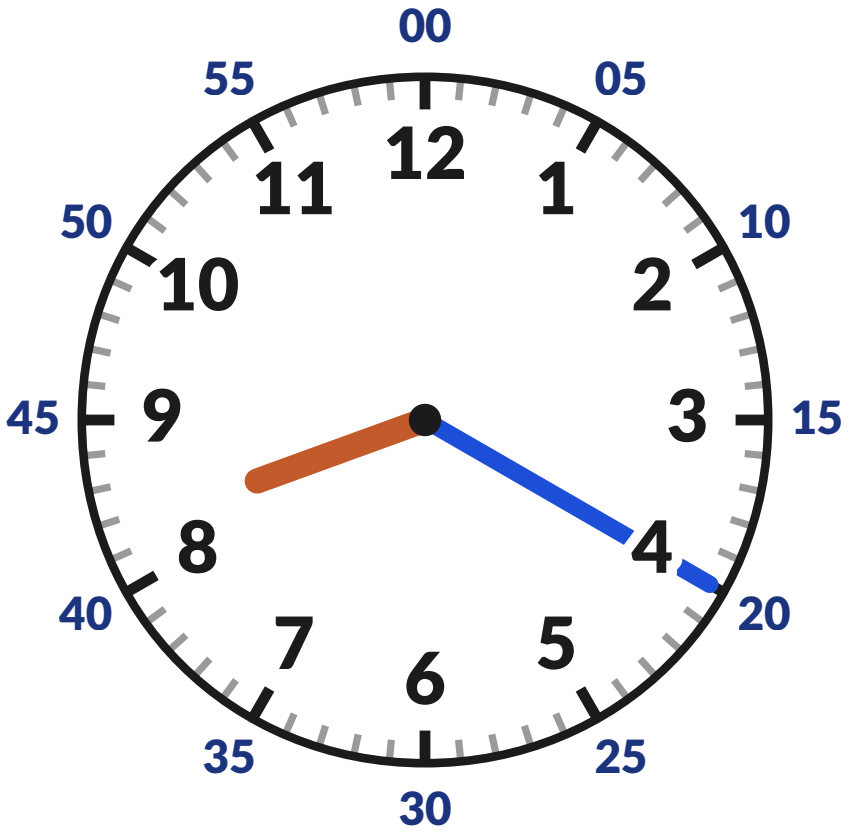
Reading a Clock



This clock says 8:20

SHORT hand
tells the hour

LONG hand
tells the minutes

12 **Big numbers**
are the hours

05 **Outside numbers**
count minutes by 5s

Little marks
1 minute each

HOW TO READ IT

1	**Find the SHORT hand.** It has gone past the 8. The hour is 8.	**8**
2	**Find the LONG hand.** It is on the 4. Count by 5s: 5, 10, 15, 20.	**:20**
3	**Hour first, then minutes.** Say "eight twenty."	**8:20**

COUNT THE MINUTES BY 5s

Long hand on	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Minutes	:05	:10	:15	:20	:25	:30	:35	:40	:45	:50	:55	:00

Time Words

	Clock	Digital	Say it
o'clock		**3:00**	**three o'clock** The long hand is on the 12.
quarter past		**7:15**	**seven fifteen** **or quarter past seven** 15 minutes after 7
half past		**10:30**	**ten thirty** **or half past ten** 30 minutes after 10
quarter to		**4:45**	**four forty-five** **or quarter to five** 15 minutes before 5

MAKES ONE HOUR



60 minutes = 1 hour



30 minutes = half an hour



15 minutes = a quarter hour

GOOD TO KNOW

- Real clock hands are one color. Look for the SHORT hand and the LONG hand.
- The short hand moves slowly. At 4:45 it is almost on the 5, but the hour is still 4.
- When the minutes are less than 10, write a zero: 7:05. Say “seven oh five.”
- AM is the morning. PM is the afternoon and night. A day has 24 hours.