Diving into Mastery – Diving

Adult Guidance with Question Prompts

Children should be able to use the vocabulary of half past. They should notice that, at half past the hour, the minute hand has travelled halfway around the clock and is pointing to the number six.

Which numbers can you see on a clock face?

Which is the long hand?

Which is the short hand?

Which is the hour hand?

Which is the minute hand?

Can you show me half past _____?

At half past the hour, where does the minute hand point?

Can you explain where the hour hand points at half past the hour?





Half Past the Hour



Match the times to the clocks and complete the sentences.









half past 9

half past three

half past 7

half past ten



The time is half past _____.



The time is half past _____.



The time is half past _____.



The time is half past ______

Diving into Mastery – Deeper

Adult Guidance with Question Prompts

Children read time to the half hour. They recognise a time to the half hour by noticing that the minute hand points to the six and the hour hand points between the hours. They recognise when the clock hands are the wrong way round and can explain where the hands should be. It would be helpful for children to have their own small clocks for this activity.

How do you know which is the minute hand?

How do you know which is the hour hand?

Where will the minute hand be at half past _

Where will the hour hand be at half past _____

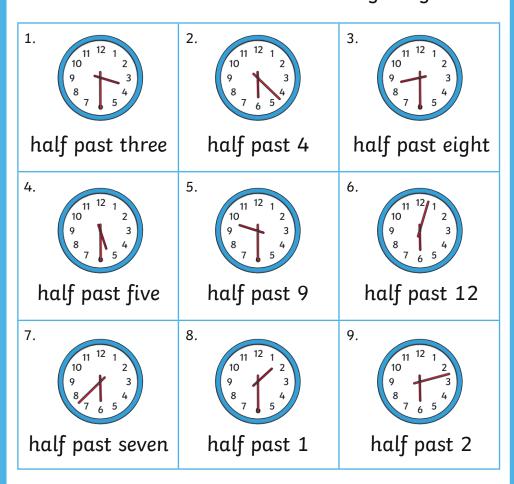
Which ones did Alfie get wrong? How do you know?

Can you make the correct time on your own clock that Alfie should have drawn?



Alfie made some mistakes when he drew the clock hands. Tick the answers that he got right.

Half Past the Hour



Can you explain how Alfie might have made his mistakes?





Diving into Mastery - Deepest Adult Guidance with Question Prompts

Children read time to the half hour and recognise a half past time by noticing that the minute hand is pointing to the six. They begin to notice that the hour hand is halfway between the hours.

Which clocks show a time that is later than ten o'clock?

What time is Alfie's appointment? Can you explain how you know?

Where will the minute hand point for Fred's appointment?

Will the hour hand point directly at a number on the clock? Can you explain how you know?

Could Fred be meeting his mum at half past six? Can you explain your thinking?

Is there more than one possibility for the time he is meeting his mum? What could they be?

Can you think of a clue that would leave only one possible time?





Oh no! Alfie has a dentist's appointment but he tore his card.



He can remember that it is after 10 o'clock.

Which time is his appointment?







Fred forgot when to meet his mum for tea.

I know it was half past something. The hour was between 2 and 5.



Can you find all the times it might be?

Can you think of another clue to let him know exactly what time to meet her?



