

Telling the Time

O'Clock

A new hour begins when the minute hand points to 12.

Minute Hand

The long hand points to the minutes past or to the hour.

Quarter To

45 minutes into the hour and 15 minutes before a new hour begins.

Quarter Past

15 minutes into the hour.
15 is one quarter of 60.

Half Past

30 minutes into the hour.
30 is half of 60.

Hour Hand

The short hand points to the hour. If this hand is pointing in between hours, it is the earlier hour of the two.

