

FUMC ESL 5-3-2018 High Intermediate Lesson: Talking Time

**Check the correct answer:**

Our neighbors moved in : 1-tomorrow morning 2-the day before yesterday 3-in a few weeks	Our neighbors move in : 1-the day before yesterday 2-in a few weeks 3-last month
Eleanor started working here : 1-next week 2-now 3-last year	I haven't seen your sister : 1-for a long time 2-in a long time 3-since tomorrow
I'm sure I'll get promoted : 1-in the past month 2-in a month 3-week before last	I don't think we've met : 1-at the last meeting 2-before 3-tomorrow

**Scratch out the extra word in these sentences:**

- 1 My course starts in the eight days time.
- 2 I rang Charlie three days before ago.
- 3 We have exams for all day Wednesday.
- 5 They came back from China the day before on yesterday.
- 6 Andreas has to go to Oxford next to Monday.
- 7 I can do it at next week.
- 8 She will be coming home in tomorrow.

**Correct the prepositions in these sentences. If the sentence is correct, put a check beside it.**

1. I will try to leave on three o'clock.
2. Can we have an appointment in Thursday?
3. The bus leaves on 5 PM.
4. In Christmas, we put up a tree.
5. Please be at time.
6. I couldn't get there in time.
7. On 1962, Brazil won the World Cup.

**Read the conversation below and discuss the meaning of the highlighted phrases.**

Student 1

Student 2

Excuse me, do you <b>have the time</b> ?	It's <b>ten after 9</b> .
Do you know what time the bars close in this town?	At <b>half past 2</b> . But let me give you some <b>timely</b> advice. Don't stay out that late. There are too many drunks on the road <b>at that hour</b> .
My watch seems to <b>run slow</b> .	Well, it's a <b>quarter past 9</b> right now. Perhaps you should get a new <b>timepiece</b> .
What time does this restaurant close?	It's past <b>closing time</b> now.

But I'm not ready to leave now?	<b>Time after time</b> , I've told you that we are closing.
<b>Time was</b> when restaurant owners wanted to make their customers happy.	This restaurant has a <b>time honored tradition</b> to treat it's customers right. However, we are now closed.
<b>Time flies when you're having fun.</b>	I'm happy you had fun here. But now, your <b>time is up</b> .
<b>Time out.</b> Can you give me a list of the local bars?	<b>Time is money</b> you know. And I'm not making money at this time. I must ask you to leave in a <b>timely</b> manner.
<b>Time will tell</b> if I ever return to this restaurant.	<b>At times like these</b> you shouldn't insult me.
<b>At one time</b> this was my favorite restaurant. But for the time being, I think I'll take my business somewhere else.	Look, I need some <b>time off</b> now. And it's <b>high time</b> you get moving.
Well, I guess I'll go then.	<b>It's about time!</b>

**Discussion:**

1. What do you like to do with your time off?
2. How many rooms in your house have a clock in them? How often do you look at a clock or watch every day?
3. Are you a person who "watches the clock"? Is this a bad habit?
4. Are you usually on time?
5. How do you feel about people who are always late?
6. Do you think some cultures are less concerned about time than others?
7. What's the best advice for someone who has trouble being on time?
8. Describe an event where you had the "time of your life".
9. What do you think this quote means: "How we spend our days is how we spend our lives."
10. Someone said, "Time spent with cats is never wasted." Do you agree? What would you say instead of "with cats".
11. Do you have relatives that require **around the clock** care? Is this expensive in your country?
12. In the fall, we move the clocks back when we go off daylight savings time. Does your country have daylight saving time? Do you like it or would you rather not have it?