

Maths Vocabulary for Reception: Time

When we think of teach time many of us think just in terms of telling the time on a clock or watch. However, much work must precede this as is shown by the vocabulary list for reception (4/5 years old) below.

Start with which day of the week it is, what day will it be tomorrow/ yesterday etc. There are certain times of the day they need to know, such as morning and afternoon and the order that these come in.

At this stage do not worry about telling the time on a clock: some children will find this hard and get very frustrated if it is introduced too soon.

LENGTH

time

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

day, week

birthday, holiday

morning, afternoon, evening, night

bedtime, dinnertime, playtime

today, yesterday, tomorrow

before, after

next, last

now, soon, early, late

quick, quicker, quickest, quickly

slow, slower, slowest, slowly

old, older, oldest

new, newer, newest

takes longer, takes less time

hour, o'clock

clock, watch, hands

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

day

week

birthday

holiday

morning

afternoon

evening

bedtime

dinnertime

playtime

today

tomorrow

yesterday

before

after

next

last

now

soon

early

late

later

quick

quicker

quickest

slow

slower

slowest

slowly

old

older

oldest

new

newer

newest

takes longer

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hour

o'clock

watch

hands