

To be able to read the times O'Clock and half past on an analogue clock.

The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 1 children should be able to tell the time to the nearest half hour on an analogue clock (NOT digital). In order to achieve this vital life skill at home you could;

a) Make sure you have an analogue clock to refer to! (Get one with a nice clear face and numbers rather than roman numerals around the edge)

b) Keep referring to the clock and help your child to read the times as they progress up the skills ladder shown to the left. It is important not to ask them to tell harder times until the lower skills are secured.

c) Beware of websites that link the analogue times to digital ones. Although this is an important skill, it could be confusing for your child to begin with.

- <http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/clock/clockres.html> Use the tabs at the bottom to show O'Clock and half past times for your child to read. Then give a time for your child to move the hands to show.
- Have a go at making your own clock faces, using a split pin to secure hands in the centre that so that they are movable. Ask your child to show you different times according to the step they are at on the ladder of skills. Ensure there is accuracy in the positioning of both hands.

Extensions for when you have achieved ALL the skills.

Have a go at reading quarter past and quarter to times on analogue clocks.

- <http://www.iboard.co.uk/iwb/Set-the-Clock-297> Times asked to be set go up to the quarter hour. Requires accuracy of the positioning of the minute and the hour hands.
- <http://www.ictgames.com/hickory4.html> allows you to do the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.