



Reading the Clock

Understanding the Topic

- A **clock** helps us know what **time** it is.
- The clock has **numbers from 1 to 12**.
- It has **two hands**:
 - **Short hand** – tells the **hour**
 - **Long hand** – tells the **minutes**
- When the **long hand** is at **12**, we read **o'clock** time.
- The **short hand** points to the **hour** number.

How to Read the Time

- Look at the **short hand** – this shows the **hour**.
- Look at the **long hand** – if it is on **12**, say “o’clock”.
- For Class 1, we learn to read **o'clock time** first.

Important Points

- 3 o’clock means the hour hand is on 3 and the minute hand is on 12.
- 7 o’clock means the hour hand is on 7 and the minute hand is on 12.
- We read it as “___ o’clock”.

Examples with Solutions

1. The hour hand is on 4 and the minute hand is on 12. What time is it?

Answer: It is 4 o’clock.

2. The hour hand is on 10 and the minute hand is on 12. What time is it?

Answer: It is 10 o’clock.

3. The hour hand is on 1 and the minute hand is on 12. What time is it?

Answer: It is 1 o’clock.

4. The hour hand is on 9 and the minute hand is on 12. What time is it?

Answer: It is 9 o’clock.



5. The hour hand is on 6 and the minute hand is on 12. What time is it?

Answer: It is 6 o'clock.

Summary Points

- A **clock** shows us the **time**.
 - The **short hand** shows the **hour**.
 - The **long hand** shows the **minutes**.
 - If the long hand is on **12**, we read the time as "**o'clock**".
 - Learn to read times like **1 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock**, and so on.
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