Telling the Time

Name _____

Date _____



The short hand tells the hour. Here it's just past the 4, so the hour is 4. **The long hand tells the minutes:** count in 5s from the 12 to where it points, 5, 10, 15, 20. It's **20 past 4**, or **4:20**. If the short hand is nearly at the next number, the hour is still the one it has passed.

A What time is it?

4 marks

O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Write the time in the box.

1



2



3



4



B Every five minutes

4 marks

Count in 5s with the long hand.

5



6



7



8



C ★ Draw the hands

4 marks

Draw a short hand for the hour and a long hand for the minutes.

9



quarter past 6

10



20 to 4

11



half past 11

12



5 past 9

Score _____ **/ 12**

Telling the Time: Answers

Answers

1. 3 o'clock, or **3:00**
2. half past 7, or **7:30**
3. quarter past 2, or **2:15**
4. quarter to 9, or **8:45**
5. 20 past 4, or **4:20**
6. 10 to 11, or **10:50**
7. 5 past 6, or **6:05**
8. 25 past 11, or **11:25**

Section C: the hands

9. quarter past 6: long hand on the 3, short hand just past the 6
10. 20 to 4: long hand on the 8, short hand between the 3 and the 4
11. half past 11: long hand on the 6, short hand just past the 11
12. 5 past 9: long hand on the 1, short hand just past the 9

Either way of writing the time gets the mark (20 past 4 or 4:20). Watch question 6: at 10:50 the short hand is nearly at the 11, and it's easy to read it as 11:50. The hour is the number the short hand has passed. In section C, check the short hand is a little past the hour, not exactly on it.