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The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Circle group

A clock has two hands. One is short. One is long. They do different jobs.

The short hand tells the hour. The long hand tells the minutes. When the long hand points up at the 12, it is an o'clock time.

Now look at the short hand. If it points to the 3, it is three o'clock. If it points to the 8, it is eight o'clock.

Questions

1. How many hands does the clock have?

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2. What does the short hand tell us?

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3. Where does the long hand point at an o'clock time?

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4. What time is it if the short hand points to the 3?

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5. How can you tell the two hands apart?

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Words to know

clock: a tool that shows what time it is
hour: a part of the day that is sixty minutes long
minute: a short bit of time, less than an hour
point: to show where something is

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Triangle group

A clock has two hands. One hand is short. The other hand is long. They do different jobs.

The short hand tells the hour. The long hand tells how many minutes. When the long hand points straight up at the 12, it is an o'clock time.

Now look at the short hand. If it points to the 3, the clock says three o'clock. If it points to the 8, the clock says eight o'clock. At eight o'clock, we might eat a big breakfast.

Questions

1. How many hands does the clock have?

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2. What does the short hand tell us?

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3. Where does the long hand point at an o'clock time?

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4. What time is it if the short hand points to the 3?

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5. How can you tell the two hands apart?

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Words to know

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The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Square group

A clock has two hands, and the hands are not the same size. One hand is short and the other hand is long, and each of them does a different job.

The short hand tells us the hour, while the long hand tells us the minutes. Whenever the long hand points straight up at the 12, we know that it is an o'clock time.

Then we look at the short hand. If it points to the 3, the clock says three o'clock. If it points to the 8, the clock says eight o'clock, and that might be a good time for a big breakfast.

Questions

1. How many hands does the clock have?

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2. What does the short hand tell us?

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3. Where does the long hand point at an o'clock time?

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4. What does the clock say if the short hand points to the 3?

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5. How can you tell which hand shows the hour?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Easier · 64 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Two hands.
2. The hour.
3. Up at the 12.
4. Three o'clock.
5. One is short and one is long, and the short one shows the hour.

Triangle: The Short Hand Tells the Hour

This passage · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Two hands.
2. The hour.
3. Straight up at the 12.
4. Three o'clock.
5. One is short and one is long, and the short one shows the hour.

Square: The Short Hand Tells the Hour

Harder · 101 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.1

1. Two hands.
2. The hour.
3. Straight up at the 12.
4. Three o'clock.
5. The short hand shows the hour, and the long hand shows the minutes.