Name: _____ Date: _____

Half Past Seven on the Clock

Circle group

We eat breakfast at half past seven. What does that mean?

An hour has two halves. Half an hour is thirty minutes. So half past seven is thirty minutes after seven o'clock.

Here is how it looks. The small hand is a bit past the seven. The big hand points at the six. The six is at the bottom.

It is not half past eight. The small hand has not got to the eight. It waits near the seven.

A phone or a stove shows 7:30. It says the same thing.

Questions

1. When is breakfast?

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2. How many minutes are in half an hour?

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3. Where does the big hand point at half past seven?

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4. How can half past seven be written with numbers?

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5. The small hand is a bit past the four and the big hand is on the six. What time is it?

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Words to know

hour: a length of time that is sixty minutes long
minutes: short pieces of time that make up an hour
halves: two equal parts of one whole thing

stove: the kitchen machine used to cook food

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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Half Past Seven on the Clock

Triangle group

Breakfast at our house is at half past seven. What does that mean?

Every hour on a clock is cut into two halves. Half of an hour is thirty minutes. So half past seven means thirty minutes after seven o'clock.

Here is how it looks. The small hand rests between the seven and the eight, a bit past the seven. The big hand points at the six, the number at the very bottom.

Why not half past eight? Because the small hand has not gotten to the eight. It moves slowly and waits near the seven.

On a phone or a stove, you will see the time as 7:30. Both ways say the same thing.

Questions

1. When is breakfast at the narrator's house?

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2. How many minutes are in half of an hour?

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3. Where does the big hand point at half past seven?

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4. How can the time half past seven be written with numbers?

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5. The small hand is a bit past the four and the big hand points at the six. What time is it?

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Words to know

hour: a length of time that is sixty minutes long
minutes: short pieces of time that make up an hour
halves: two equal parts of one whole thing
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Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Half Past Seven on the Clock

Square group

Breakfast at our house is served at half past seven, and you may wonder exactly what that phrase means.

Every hour on a clock can be separated into two equal halves, and half of an hour is thirty minutes. Therefore, half past seven means thirty minutes after seven o'clock.

Here is how the clock looks. The small hand rests between the seven and the eight, just a little past the seven. The big hand points directly at the six, which is the number at the very bottom of the clock.

Why is it not half past eight? The small hand has not yet traveled as far as the eight, because it moves slowly and lingers near the seven.

On a phone or a stove, the time appears as 7:30, and both ways of writing it say exactly the same thing.

Questions

1. At what time is breakfast served at the narrator's house?

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2. How many minutes are there in half of an hour?

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3. Where does the big hand point at half past seven?

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4. How can the time half past seven be written with numbers?

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5. The small hand is a little past the four and the big hand points at the six. What time is it?

_____

Words to know

hour: a length of time that is sixty minutes long
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Talk together (every group has these)

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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?

For the teacher: Half Past Seven on the Clock

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

Circle: Half Past Seven on the Clock

Easier · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. At half past seven.
2. Thirty minutes.
3. At the six, at the bottom.
4. 7:30.
5. Half past four, or 4:30.

Triangle: Half Past Seven on the Clock

This passage · 114 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2

1. At half past seven.
2. Thirty minutes.
3. At the six, at the very bottom.
4. 7:30.
5. Half past four, or 4:30.

Square: Half Past Seven on the Clock

Harder · 139 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.7

1. At half past seven.
2. Thirty minutes.
3. At the six, the number at the very bottom.
4. 7:30.
5. Half past four, or 4:30.