

# Common Time Expressions

## Activity sheet (page 1/2)

### A. Match the beginnings of the sentences containing time expressions with the correct endings.

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| 1. I won't be at the office next week, I'm .....    | a. can <b>take your time</b> .             |
| 2. We're mostly vegetarian but .....                | b. Jim always arrives <b>on time</b> .     |
| 3. We saved a lot of money by booking .....         | c. our tickets <b>ahead of time</b> .      |
| 4. I never play video games. I think .....          | d. drive there to <b>save time</b> .       |
| 5. There's no hurry, we're really early, you .....  | e. taking some <b>time off</b> .           |
| 6. I don't live far from the office, but I .....    | f. a crossword to <b>kill time</b> .       |
| 7. I got bored waiting for the train so I did ..... | g. get there <b>in no time</b> .           |
| 8. Even though he lives quite far from school ..... | h. they're <b>a waste of time</b> .        |
| 9. The cinema's less than a mile away, we'll .....  | i. we arrived <b>in the nick of time</b> . |
| 10. I thought we were going to be late but .....    | j. we eat fish <b>from time to time</b> .  |

### B. Write one of the expressions in bold from Exercise A next to its correct definition below.

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| 1. Occasionally, not very often ..... | ..... |
| 2. In very little time .....          | ..... |
| 3. Time away from work .....          | ..... |
| 4. In just enough time .....          | ..... |
| 5. In advance .....                   | ..... |
| 6. Don't rush .....                   | ..... |
| 7. Give yourself more time .....      | ..... |
| 8. At the right time .....            | ..... |
| 9. A bad way to spend time .....      | ..... |
| 10. Make time pass more quickly ..... | ..... |

**C. Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.**

1. I took some time ..... work as my mum was visiting.
2. We got there ahead ..... time. None of the guests had even arrived yet.
3. I don't really enjoy sports but I play golf ..... time to time.
4. We got to the station just ..... time to catch the last train.
5. You'll be marked absent if you don't get to school ..... time.

**D. Complete the sentences using time expressions from the previous page.**

1. He doesn't drink much alcohol but he has a whiskey .....
2. We got there just ..... and didn't miss the bus.
3. There wasn't much traffic so we got there .....
4. I think shopping is a ..... so I have my groceries delivered.
5. The concert doesn't start for another hour so you can .....
6. Cooking dinner for the guests wasn't stressful as I'd made the pie .....
7. If you iron your clothes now, you'll ..... in the morning.
8. I had to wait for ages so I played games on my phone to .....
9. I'm absolutely exhausted. I need to take some ..... work.
10. If you don't arrive ..... you won't be allowed to enter.

**E. Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.**

1. I always ..... ahead of time.
2. When I need to kill time, I .....
3. I think ..... is a waste of time.
4. It takes me no time to .....
5. If I had some time off, I would .....
6. I often ..... in order to save time.
7. You should always arrive on time if you're .....
8. From time to time I .....
9. It's important to take your time when you're .....
10. The last time I arrived in the nick of time was .....