

Common Time Expressions

Teacher's notes

In this time expressions activity, students learn and practise common time expressions both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To teach students common expressions associated with time.

Level: Intermediate

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the beginnings of sentences with the correct endings, each of which contains a time expression.

answer key

1. e 2. j 3. c 4. h 5. a 6. d 7. f 8. b 9. g 10. i

Exercise B: Next, students match the time expressions from the previous exercise with the correct definitions.

answer key

1. from time to time	6. take your time
2. in no time	7. save time
3. time off	8. on time
4. in the nick of time	9. a waste of time
5. ahead of time	10. kill time

Exercise C: Students then complete the sentences using the correct prepositions.

answer key

1. off 2. of 3. from 4. in 5. on

Exercise D: After this, students complete the sentences using the correct time expression.

answer key

1. from time to time	6. ahead of time
2. in the nick of time	7. save time
3. in no time	8. kill time
4. waste of time	9. time off
5. take your time	10. on time

Exercise E: Students go on to complete the sentences containing time expressions using their own words. After this, they compare them with a partner.