



TIME

Discussion

Basic questions

1 Do you think you manage your time wisely? Do you ever waste your time?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

Yes, I sometimes waste my time. / No, I never waste my time.

2 Are you a punctual person?

**Yes, I'm a punctual person.*

3 Do you have enough time to do the things you want to do?

**Yes, I have enough time to do the things I want to do. / No, I don't have time to do the things I want to do because I'm busy.*

4 Which time of the day do you feel you are most productive in your work or study?

**I think I am most productive in my work during...*

5 What would you do if you had a few extra hours a day?

**If I had a few extra hours a day, I would...*

6 Can you do things without a watch or a clock?

**Yes, I can. / No, I can't.*

7 Do you think time moves slowly or quickly?

**I think time moves....*

Extended questions

1 In your culture, is it polite to always show up on time or show up a little late?

**In our culture, it's always polite to....*

2 If you could stop the time, what would you do and why?

**If I could stop the time, I would....*

3 “Time discovers truth”. Do you agree?

**Yes, I agree because... / No, I disagree because...*

4 If time travel were possible, which period of history would you like to return to? Why?

**If time travel were possible, I'd like to return to...because...*

5 Do you ever think life is a race against time?

**Yes, I think life is a race against time. / No, I don't think life is a race against time.*

6 Would you rather have more time or more money?

**I'd rather have more...than...because...*

Vocabulary

1 Eternal (/ɪˈtɜːrnl/)

(adjective) Without an end, existing or continuing forever

Ex. There's a promise of eternal life in heaven.

2 Long-lasting

(adjective) That can or does last for a long time

Ex. I think our relationship is long-lasting.

3 Brief (/briːf/)

(adjective) Lasting only a short time

Ex. We took a brief silence.

4 Wear on (/wer/)

(verb) (of time) to pass, especially in a way that seems slow.

Ex. As the evening wore on, she became more and more nervous.

5 Elapse (/ɪˈlæps/)

(verb) If a period of time elapses, it passes

Ex. Many years elapsed before they met again.

Idioms / Useful Expressions

1 **Time (alone) will tell, only time will tell** – used to say that you will have to wait for some time to find out the result of a situation

Ex. Only time will tell if the treatment has been successful.

2 **Time capsule** – a container that is filled with objects that people think are typical of the time they are living in. It is buried so that it can be discovered by people in the future

Ex. I want to have a time capsule.

3 **Time flies** – time seems to pass very quickly.

Ex. Time has flown since the holiday began.

4 **In the nick of time** - at the very last moment, just in time before something bad happens

Ex. They escaped from the smoke-filled house just in the nick of time.

5 **As time goes by** – as time passes or moves

Ex. As time goes by I have become less interested in going to nightclubs.

6 **Kill time** – to do something that is not very interesting or important to pass time

Ex. We've got 4 hours until our flight leaves. How are we going to kill the time?

7 **Have a whale of time** – to enjoy yourself very much, to have a great time

Ex. The kids had a whale of time at the theme park.

8 **Be a good/bad timekeeper** – be regularly on time/late for work

Ex. You're such a good timekeeper.

9 **It's about time** - (it is) past the time when something should have happened

Ex. It's about time to tie the knot.