

hour

[ˈaʊə] *n*

1. час

twenty-four hours - сутки, 24 часа

at the hour of seven - в семь часов

an hour's work - работы на час

a 3 hour drive - трёхчасовая поездка

an hour away - в часе езды /ходьбы/

the small hours - первые часы после полуночи; предрассветные часы

he got up in the small hours - он встал ни свет ни заря

well on into the small hours - далеко за полночь

in an hour - через час

within the hour - не позже чем через час, в течение (этого) часа

for hours (on end), for hours and hours - целыми часами

hour after hour - час за часом; с каждым часом

hour by hour - час за часом, каждый час

every hour on the hour - **амер.** каждый час (*т. е. ровно в 6, 7, 8 часов и т. д.*)every hour on the half-hour - ровно в половине первого, второго **и т. д.**

trains leave every hour on the hour - поезда отправляются в начале каждого часа

by the hour - почасовой (*об оплате, о работе*)

at the eleventh hour - в последнюю минуту

to strike the hours - отбивать часы; бить (*о часах*)

it is two hours from New York to Philadelphia - от Нью-Йорка до Филадельфии два часа езды

2. 1) время, час, период, срок

dinner hour - а) обеденное время; б) обеденный перерыв

dark hour - тяжёлый час; мрачное время

unearthly hour - крайне неудобное /неподходящее/ время; \cong ни свет ни заря

trying hour - час испытаний; трудная минута

rush hours - часы пик

off-peak hours - непииковые часы

the children's hour - время, которое родители уделяют детям, «детский час» (*обычно перед сном*) [**ср. тж.** 5]

what is the hour? - который час?

what hour do you open? - в котором часу вы открываете(сь)?

the hour is 2.30 - сейчас 2.30

at the hour stated - в назначенный час

at all hours - когда придётся, когда попало

at an early hour - рано

the off hours - свободные часы; свободное /нерабочее/ время

in the hour of danger - в минуту опасности

the happiest hour of my life - счастливейшая минута моей жизни

seize the hour - лови момент

2) **спец.** срок, период

hour of observation - срок наблюдения

synoptic hour - **метеор.** срок синоптических наблюдений3. *pl*

1) время работы; рабочий день

office hours - часы работы (*учреждений*); присутственные часы

hours of attendance - служебные часы

school hours - время занятий в школе

hours of exchange - часы работы биржи

after hours - после работы, после школы, занятий, после закрытия магазина, пивной **и т. п.**

out of hours - во вне рабочее время, в свободное от работы время

eight-hour day - восьмичасовой рабочий день

a reduction of hours - сокращение рабочего дня

he works long [short] hours - у него длинный [короткий] рабочий день

2) обычное время подъёма *или* отхода ко сну

to keep good hours - рано вставать и рано ложиться

to keep regular hours - ложиться и вставать в одно и то же время

he keeps late hours - он поздно ложится спать

4. 1) урок, занятие, академический, учебный час

the hour lasts fifty minutes - занятие /академический час/ продолжается 50 минут

what hour does your German class meet? - сколько (времени) продолжается у вас урок немецкого языка?

2) зачётный час (**в учебном заведении**; **тж.** credit hour)

the student received only seven hours' credit for the semester - студенту зачли только семь часов занятий за семестр

5. передача (**по радио, телевидению; первоначально длилась час**)Children's Hour - вечерняя передача для детей (*часто чтение сказок*) [**ср. тж.** 2, 1)]6. **астр.**, **геогр.** пятнадцать градусов долготы7. (hours, Hours) *pl* **церк.** часы (**тж.** canonical hours)

book of hours - часослов

◇ one's hour - смертный час
 my hour has struck - мой час пробил
 I have had my hour - ≅ я своё взял, у меня было счастливое время
 in a good hour - в добрый час
 in an ill /evil/ hour - в недобрый час
 dead hours - глухая ночь
 at a good hour - вовремя, кстати, в нужную минуту
 of the hour - насущный; относящийся к текущему моменту
 question of the hour - актуальный /злободневный/ вопрос
 topic of the hour - актуальная тема
 man of the hour - человек сегодняшнего дня, герой дня
 till all hours - до петухов, до рассвета, очень поздно

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hour

hour [hour hours] *BrE* ['aʊə(r)] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['aʊər] [ⓘ] **noun**

Use **an**, not **a**, before **hour**.

1. countable (abbr. hr, hr.) 60 minutes; one of the 24 parts that a day is divided into

- It will take about an hour to get there.
- The interview lasted half an hour.
- It was a three-hour exam.
- I waited **for an hour** and then I left.
- He'll be back **in an hour** .
- We're paid **by the hour** .
- The minimum wage was set at £5.80 **an hour** .
- Top speed is 120 miles **per hour** .
- York was within an hour's drive.
- Chicago is two hours away (= it takes two hours to get there) .
- We're four hours ahead of New York (= referring to the time difference) .
- We hope to be there **within the hour** (= in less than an hour) .

2. countable, usually singular a period of about an hour, used for a particular purpose

- I use the Internet at work, during my **lunch hour** .

see also ↑happy hour, ↑rush hour

3. hours plural a fixed period of time during which people work, an office is open, etc

- **Opening hours** are from 10 to 6 each day.
- Most people in this kind of job tend to work **long hours** .
- What are your **office hours** ?
- a hospital's **visiting hours**
- Britain's **licensing hours** (= when pubs are allowed to open) used to be very restricted.
- This is the only place to get a drink **after hours** (= after the normal closing time for pubs) .
- Clients can now contact us by email **out of hours** (= when the office is closed) .

4. hours plural a long time

- It took hours getting there.
- I've been waiting **for hours** .
- 'How long did it last?' 'Oh, **hours and hours** .' .

5. singular a particular point in time

- You can't turn him away at this hour of the night.

6. countable, usually singular the time when sth important happens

- This was often thought of as the country's **finest hour** .
- She thought her **last hour** had come.
- Don't desert me in my **hour of need** .

7. the hour singular the time when it is exactly 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock, etc

- There's a bus every hour **on the hour** .
- The clock **struck the hour** .

8. hours plural used when giving the time according to the 24-hour clock, usually in military or other official language

- The first missile was launched at 2300 hours (= at 11 p.m.) . This is pronounced '23 hundred hours'.

more at at the eleventh hour **at** ↑eleventh, the evil hour/day/moment **at** ↑evil, kill an hour, a couple of hours, etc. **at** ↑kill _{v.}, at an unearthly hour **at** ↑unearthly, at an ungodly hour **at** ↑ungodly

Idioms: ↑all hours ▪ ↑keep ... hours ▪ ↑small hours

See also: ↑wee hours ▪ ↑wee small hours

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **ure**, via Latin from Greek **hōra** 'season, hour'.

Example Bank:

- Bakers have to work unsocial hours.
- Britain's licensing hours
- Buses leave every hour on the hour.
- Doctors often have to work out of hours.
- He keeps regular hours.

- He spends a lot of time in his office after hours.
- He's been gone for over an hour.
- I apologize for calling you at this ungodly hour.
- I should be back within a couple of hours.
- I slept for eight solid hours.
- I spent my lunch hour shopping.
- It takes two hours to get to London.
- She grew more worried with every passing hour.
- She helped me in my hour of need.
- She spends every waking hour at the gym.
- She worked for three hours.
- She works very long hours.
- The clock struck the hour.
- The hour had come for us to leave.
- The office is closed between the hours of twelve and two.
- The party continued well into the early hours.
- The performance lasted three hours.
- The war years were often thought of as the country's finest hour.
- There are still two hours of daylight left.
- They're paid by the hour.
- Top speed is 120 miles per hour.
- We hope to be there within the hour.
- You gain five hours when you fly from New York to London.
- an hour of rest
- rush-hour traffic
- ten minutes past the hour
- the hospital's visiting hours
- the hours of darkness
- the number of contact hours per week
- Don't desert me in my hour of need.
- You can't turn him away at this hour of the night.

hour

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hour **S1 W1** /aʊə \$ aʊr/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old French; Origin: heure, from Latin hora, from Greek]

1. 60 MINUTES (written abbreviation hr) a unit for measuring time. There are 60 minutes in one hour, and 24 hours in one day:

- The interview will last about two hours.
- I study for an hour every night.
- I'll be back in three hours.
- Three hours later he was back.
- Her bag was stolen within hours of her arrival.
- You weren't interested in my story a half hour ago.
- It takes about a quarter of an hour to walk into town.

hour of

- After four hours of talks, an agreement was reached.
- The hotel is only an hour's drive from the airport.
- a top speed of 120 miles an hour
- This was freelance work, paid by the hour.
- a five-hour delay

2. BUSINESS/WORK ETC hours [plural] a fixed period of time in the day when a particular activity, business etc happens:

- hours of business 9.00–5.00

office/opening hours

- Please call during office hours.

working hours/hours of work

- the advantages of flexible working hours

visiting hours (=the time when you can visit someone in hospital)

after hours (=after the time when a business, especially a bar, is supposed to close)

3. long/regular/late etc hours used to say how long someone works or does things every day, or when they work or do things:

- the long hours worked by hospital doctors
- Many hospital staff have to work unsocial hours (=work in the evenings so that they cannot spend time with family or friends).
- She knew that he kept late hours (=stayed up late).

work all the hours God sends (=work all the time that you can)

4. TIME OF DAY a particular period or point of time during the day or night

in the early/small hours (of the morning) (=between around midnight and two or three o'clock in the morning)

- There was a knock on the door in the early hours of the morning.
- Who can be calling at this late hour? (=used when you are surprised or annoyed by how late at night or early in the morning something is)

daylight/daytime hours

- The park is open during daylight hours.

the hours of darkness/daylight *literary*.

Few people dared to venture out during the hours of darkness.

unearthly/ungodly hour (=used when you are complaining about how early or late something is)

We had to get up at some ungodly hour to catch a plane.

at all hours/at any hour (of the day or night) (=at any time)

If you have a problem, you know you can call at any hour of the day or night.

She's up studying till all hours (=until unreasonably late at night). ⇒ **waking hours/life/day etc** at ↑waking

5. LONG TIME [usually plural] *informal* a long time or a time that seems long:

We had to spend hours filling in forms.

for hours (on end)

It'll keep the children amused for hours on end.

a really boring lecture that went on for hours and hours

She lay awake for hour after hour (=for many hours, continuously).

6. O'CLOCK the time of the day when a new hour starts, for example one o'clock, two o'clock etc

strike/chime the hour (=if a clock strikes the hour, it rings, to show that it is one o'clock, seven o'clock etc)

(every hour) on the hour (=every hour at six o'clock, seven o'clock etc)

There are flights to Boston every hour on the hour.

10/20 etc minutes before/after the hour *American English* (=used on national radio or television in order to give the time without saying which hour it is, because the broadcast may be coming from a different time zone)

It's twelve minutes before the hour, and you're listening to Morning Edition on NPR.

7. 1300/1530/1805 etc hours used to give the time in official or military reports and orders:

The helicopters lifted off at 0600 hours.

8. by the hour/from hour to hour if a situation is changing by the hour or from hour to hour, it is changing very quickly and very often:

This financial crisis is growing more serious by the hour.

9. lunch/dinner hour the period in the middle of the day when people stop work for a meal:

I usually do the crossword in my lunch hour.

10. IMPORTANT TIME [usually singular] an important moment or period in history or in your life

sb's finest/greatest/darkest hour

This was our country's finest hour.

sb's hour of need/glory etc (=a time when someone needs help, is very successful etc)

11. of the hour important at a particular time, especially the present time:

one of the burning questions of the hour

the hero/man of the hour (=someone who does something very brave, is very successful etc at a particular time)

⇒ **the eleventh hour** at ↑eleventh¹⁽²⁾, ⇒ ↑hourly, ↑happy hour, ↑rush hour, ↑zero hour

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COLLOCATIONS

phrases

- **half an hour** (also **a half hour**) (=thirty minutes) I'll meet you in half an hour.
- **(a) quarter of an hour** (=fifteen minutes) Mum was gone for about a quarter of an hour.
- **three quarters of an hour** (=forty-five minutes) The journey takes three quarters of an hour.
- **miles/kilometres an hour** (=used in speeds) The speed limit is 65 miles an hour.
- **£10/\$7 etc an hour** (=used to say how much someone is paid or how much you pay to use something) The babysitter charges £5 an hour.
- **an hour's/six hours' etc work** (=work that it took you an hour/six hours etc to do) I did two hours' work before breakfast.
- **an hour's walk/drive etc** It's about an hour's drive away.

adverbs

- **an hour/three hours etc later** An hour later she arrived home.
- **an hour/three hours etc earlier/before** I had just seen him a few hours earlier.
- **an hour/three hours etc ago** He left an hour ago.

verbs

- **take an hour** (=something needs an hour to do) It took about three hours to paint the whole room.
- **spend an hour** I spent an hour reading.
- **last (for) an hour** The meeting lasted almost two hours.
- **pay/charge by the hour** (=pay or charge someone according to the number of hours it takes to do something) You can pay by the hour to hire a boat.

hour

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