

1. [taɪm] *n*

## 1. время

absolute [relative, objective] time - абсолютное [относительное, объективное] время

space and time - пространство и время

with time, in (the) course of time, in (the) process of time, as time goes - с течением времени; по мере того, как идёт время; в конце концов

from the beginning of time - с сотворения мира

to the end of time - до скончания века, до конца мира

in the retrospect of time - сквозь призму времени /прошлого/

in the mists of time - во мраке времени; ≅ канувший в Лету

the accumulation of prejudices over time - рост предрассудков на протяжении (многих) веков

as old as time - старый как мир

to bear the test of time - выдерживать испытание временем

time will show - время покажет; ≅ поживём - увидим

time alone could answer the question - только время могло дать ответ на этот вопрос

time flies - время бежит

time presses /is short/ - время не терпит

time hangs heavy on one's hands - время медленно тянется

time is precious - время дорого

the unity of time - *театр.* единство времени

2. 1) время (*мера длительности, система отсчёта*)

Moscow time - московское время

Greenwich time - время по Гринвичу, среднеевропейское время

mean time - среднее (солнечное) время

astronomical time - астрономическое время

ship's time - время на борту (корабля)

sidereal [solar] time - звёздное [солнечное] время

daylight-saving /summer/ time - летнее время

2) время выполнения (*чего-л.*)

average time - среднее время (*выполнения операции*)

estimated time - расчётное время

real time - реальный масштаб времени

countdown time - время обратного счёта (*при запуске ракеты и т. п.*)

machine time - *вчт.* машинное время

to sell (machine) time - продавать машинное время

## 3. 1) период времени

a long [a short] time - длительное [короткое] время

he was there a long [a short] time - он пробыл там долго [недолго]

a long time ago - много лет тому назад

after a long time - много времени спустя

it took him a long time to do it /in doing it/, he took a long time doing it /over it/ - ему потребовалось/у него ушло/ немало времени, чтобы сделать это; он немало с этим провозился

what a long time he's taking! - как долго он копается!; сколько же можно копать?

some time - некоторое время

I didn't see him at the club for some time - некоторое время я не встречал его в клубе

all the time, the whole time - всё (это) время, всегда [*ср. тж.* 5]

they were with us all the time /the whole time/ - они всё время были с нами

all the time we were working - в течение всего времени, что мы работали

he does it all the time - он всегда /постоянно/ это делает

he's been watching us all the time /the whole time/ - он не переставая /неотрывно/ следил за нами, он ни на секунду не упускал нас из виду

one time and another - а) одно время; б) время от времени

running time (of a film) - *кино* время демонстрации (фильма)

lead time - время с начала разработки (*оружия*) до ввода в боевой состав

reaction time - время (остающееся) для пуска ракет (*при ядерном ударе*)

idle time - а) простой, перерыв в работе; б) свободное время

time of orbiting - *астр.* время обращения искусственного спутника

after a time - через некоторое время

at the /that/ time - в это /в то/ время [*см. тж.* 4, 2)]

I was ill at the time - я тогда болел

I didn't know it at the time - тогда я (ещё) не знал об этом

at the present time - в настоящее время

at this time of (the) day - в это время дня [*ср. тж.* ◇ ]

at one time - одно время, когда-то [*см. тж.* 4, 2)]

at one time this book was very popular - некогда /было время, когда/ эта книга была очень популярна

at no time - никогда

for a time - а) на некоторое время, временно; б) некоторое время

for vacation time - на время каникул

for the time - на это время

for the time being - пока, до поры до времени

in time - со временем [см. тж. 4, 4) и 13, 1)]

I think that we may win in time - думаю, что со временем нам удастся победить

in a short time - в скором времени

in no time, in less than /next to/ no time - очень быстро, мигом, в два счёта

I'll come back in no time - я моментально вернусь; я обернусь в два счёта

in the same flash of time - в то же мгновение, в тот же миг

in two weeks' time - через две недели

written in three hours' time - написанный за три часа

within the required time - в течение требуемого времени

to give smb. time to do smth. /for smth./ - дать кому-л. время /срок/ сделать что-л. /для чего-л./

to give smb. time to turn round - дать кому-л. возможность перевести дух, дать кому-л. передышку

the patient has her good time more often now - теперь больная чаще чувствует себя хорошо [ср. тж. 8, 2)]

it is his daily time for rest - в это время он ежедневно отдыхает

it takes time - это требует времени, это скоро не сделаешь

## 2) сезон, пора, время

sowing time - время /пора/ сева, посевной период, посевная

holiday time - время каникул

at this time of the year - в это время года

for this time of year - на это время года

autumn is a good time of year to be in the country - в осеннюю пору хорошо пожить за городом

## 3) долгое время

he was gone time before you got there - он ушёл задолго до того, как вы туда явились

what a time it took you! - долго же вы возились!; неужто нельзя было побыстрее?

## 4. 1) час, точное время

what time, at what time - в какое время, в котором часу; когда

to fix /to appoint/ a time - назначить время

to show time - показывать время (о часах)

to tell time - *амер.* определять время по часам

teach the child to tell time - научите ребёнка определять время по часам

to look at the time - посмотреть на часы

to forget the time of the appointment - забыть время свидания /встречи/

to keep (good) [bad] time - хорошо [плохо] идти (о часах) [ср. тж. 11]

to lose [to gain] time - отставать [спешить] (о часах)

what is the time?, what time is it? - сколько времени?, который час?

what time do you make it? - сколько (времени) на ваших часах?; сколько сейчас, по-вашему /по-твоему/, времени?

## 2) момент, мгновение; определённый момент, определённое время

some time - в какой-то момент, в какое-то время

I'll drop in some time next month - я (к тебе) загляну как-нибудь в следующем месяце

some time (or other) - когда-нибудь, рано или поздно

this time last year - в это (самое) время в прошлом году

this time tomorrow - завтра в это же время

at times - по временам, время от времени

at the /that/ time - в тот момент, в то время [см. тж. 3, 1)]


at the time of delivery - в момент родов

at the time I didn't notice it - в тот момент я этого не заметил

at a given time - в определённый момент

at the fixed time - в назначенное время

at one time - одновременно [см. тж. 3, 1)]

at the same time - в то же самое время, одновременно; в тот же момент [см. тж. 

you can't be in two places at the same time - нельзя быть в двух местах одновременно

at any time you like - в любой момент /в любое время/, когда вам будет удобно

he may turn up (at) any time - он может появиться в любой момент

at any other time - в любое другое время

at the proper time, when the time comes - в своё время, когда придёт время

we shall do everything at the proper time - мы всё сделаем, когда нужно;  $\cong$  всему своё время

between times - иногда, временами

by the time - к этому времени

by this [that] time - к этому [тому] времени

by that time we shall be old - в это время мы уже будем стариками

you ought to be ready by this time - к этому времени вы должны быть готовы

it will be nearly two by the time you get down - вы приедете не раньше двух часов

from that time (onwards) - с этого времени

the time has come when ... - пришло время /наступил момент/, когда ... [ср. тж. 4)]

## 3) время прибытия или отправления (поезда и т. п.)

to find out the times of the London trains - узнать расписание лондонских поездов

## 4) срок, время

in time - в срок, вовремя [см. тж. 3, 1) и 13, 1)]

on time = in time [ср. тж. ◇ ]

to arrive exactly on time - приехать /прибыть/ минута в минуту /точно в назначенный час/

in due time - в своё время, своевременно

to be in time for smth. - успеть точно к чему-л.

to arrive in time for dinner - успеть как раз к обеду

I was just in time to see it - я успел как раз вовремя, чтобы увидеть это

ahead of time, before one's time - раньше срока [ср. тж. 5]

behind time, out of time - поздно, с опозданием [ср. тж. 5]

to be ten minutes behind [ahead of] time - опоздать [прийти раньше] на десять минут

the train was running (half an hour) behind time - поезд опаздывал (на полчаса)

to ask for an extension of time - просить отсрочки (платежей)

to make time - **амер.** прийти вовремя /по расписанию/

(it is) high time - давно пора, самое время

it's about time - пора

it is time to go to bed /you went to bed/ - пора ложиться спать

time! - время вышло!; ваше время истекло /вышло/

the time is up - срок истёк

time is drawing on - времени остаётся мало, срок приближается

she is near her time - она скоро родит

my time has come - мой час пробил; пришло время умирать [ср. тж. 2)]

see that you are up to time - смотри не опоздай

the time for feeding is nearing, it's nearing the time for feeding - приближается /подходит/ время /срок/ кормления

#### 5) подходящий момент, подходящее время

now is the time to go on strike /for going on strike/ - теперь самое время начать забастовку

this is no time /not the time/ to reproach /for reproaching/ me - сейчас не время упрекать меня

#### 5. времена, пора; эпоха, эра

the good old times - добрые старые времена

our time(s) - наше время, наши дни

the product of our times - продукт нашей эпохи

hard [troublesome] time(s) - тяжёлые [смутные] времена

peace [war] time - мирное [военное] время

the time of Shakespeare - эпоха Шекспира

the time of universal peace - эра всеобщего мира

the times we live in - наши дни; время, в которое мы живём

a sign of the time(s) - знамение времени

at all times, **амер.** all the time - всегда, во все времена [ср. тж. 3, 1)]

at all times and in all places - всегда и везде

for its time - для своего времени

a book unusual for its time - книга, необычная для своего /того/ времени

from the earliest times - с давних времён

from time immemorial /out of mind/ - с незапамятных времён, испокон веку /веков/; искони, исстари

(in) past time(s) - (в) прежнее время

(in) old /ancient, **уст.** olden/ time(s) - (в) старое время; в древности, в стародавние времена, во время оно

in prehistoric times - в доисторическую эпоху

in happier times - в более счастливые времена, в более счастливую пору

in times to come - в будущем, в грядущие времена

abreast of the times - вровень с веком; не отставая от жизни

to be abreast of the times, to move /to go/ with the times - стоять вровень с веком, не отставать от жизни, шагать в ногу со временем [ср. тж. ◇ ]

ahead of the /one's/ time(s) - опередивший свою эпоху, передовой [ср. тж. 4, 4)]

behind one's /the/ time(s) - **разг.** отстающий от жизни, отсталый [ср. тж. 4, 4)]

to serve the time - приспособливаться [ср. тж. ◇ ]

other times, other manners - иные времена - иные нравы

born before one's time(s) - опередивший свою эпоху

to change with the times - изменяться вместе с временем

these achievements will outlast our time - эти достижения переживут нас /наше время/

time was /there was a time/ when ... - было время, когда ...

as times go - **разг.** ≅ по нынешним временам

the time is out of joint (*Shakespeare*) - распалась связь времён

#### 6. возраст

at his time of life - в его возрасте, в его годы

I have now reached a time of life when ... - я достиг того возраста, когда ...

#### 7. период жизни, век

it will last my time - этого на мой век хватит

all these things happened in my time - всё это произошло на моей памяти

it was before her time - это было до её рождения; она этого уже не застала

he died before his time - он безвременно умер; ≅ он умер в расцвете сил

if I had my time over again - если бы можно было прожить жизнь сначала /заново/

in my time such things were not done - в моё время так не поступали  
this hat has done /served/ its time - эта шляпка отслужила своё /отжила свой век/

## 8. 1) свободное время; досуг

to have time - иметь время

to have much /plenty of, **разг.** loads of, **разг.** heaps of **разг.** oceans of/ time, to have time on one's hands иметь много /уйму/  
(свободного) времени

to have no time, to be hard pressed for time - совершенно не иметь времени, торопиться

I have no time to spare - у меня нет лишнего времени

I have no time for such nonsense - мне недосуг заниматься такой ерундой /чепухой/

to find time to read books - находить время для чтения книг

to pass the time away in knitting - проводить время за вязаньем

to beguile /to while away/ the time - коротать время

to waste /to squander, to idle away, to trifle away/ one's time - даром /попусту/ терять время

to lose time - терять время

to make up for lost time - наверстать упущенное; компенсировать потери времени

there's no time to lose /to be lost/ - нельзя терять ни минуты

to play for time **см.** play II ◊

to save time - экономить время, не терять попусту времени

to take one's time - а) не торопиться, выждать; б) **ирон.** мешкать, копаться

I need time to rest - мне нужно время, чтобы отдохнуть

my time was my own - я был хозяином своего времени

my time wasn't my own - у меня не было свободного времени

he did it in his own time - он сделал это в нерабочее время

time enough to attend to that tomorrow - у нас будет время заняться этим завтра

a lot of time, effort and money has been spent - было потрачено много времени, усилий и денег

## 2) время (с точки зрения того, как оно проводится); времяпрепровождение

to have a good /a fine/ time (of it) - хорошо провести время, повеселиться [**ср. тж.** 3, 1)]

not to have much of a time - неважно провести время

to have the time of one's life - а) переживать лучшую пору своей жизни; б) повеселиться на славу; отлично провести время

to have a high old time = to have the time of one's life б)

to have a bad /rough/ time (of it) - а) терпеть нужду /лишения/, хлебнуть горя; повидать всякое; he had a rough time (of it) - ему пришлось туго /нелегко/; б) пережить несколько неприятных минут; she had a bad /rough/ time (of it) with her baby - у неё были трудные роды

to give smb. a rough time - а) заставить кого-л. мучиться; б) заставить кого-л. попотеть, доставить кому-л. несколько неприятных минут

what a time I had with him! - с ним пришлось немало помучиться; ≅ уж как он изводил меня!

the patient had a bad time for three hours before the medicine worked - больной три часа мучился, прежде чем подействовало лекарство

## 9. 1) рабочее время

task time - время для выполнения какой-л. работы

full [part] time - полный [неполный] рабочий день

to work full [part] time - работать полный [неполный] рабочий день

to turn to writing full time - **образн.** полностью посвятить себя писательству

by time - на условиях почасовой оплаты

to be paid by time - получать сдельно

to work /to be/ on short time - работать сокращённую рабочую неделю, быть частично безработным

my normal time is 8 hours a day - обычно я работаю 8 часов в день

## 2) плата за работу

double time - двойная плата за сверхурочную работу

to collect one's time - получить зарплату

we offer straight time for work up to 40 hours and time and a half for Saturdays - мы платим полную ставку за 40-часовую рабочую неделю и полторы ставки за работу по субботам

## 10. (удобный) случай, (благоприятная) возможность

to watch /to bide/ one's time - ждать благоприятного момента

now's your time - **разг.** теперь самое время вам действовать **и т. п.**

## 11. спорт. время

the winner's time - время победителя

to keep time with one's stop watch - засекают время с помощью секундомера [**ср. тж.** 4, 1) и 13, 1)]

some wonderful times were put up - многие показали отличное время

he is making excellent time - он идёт с отличным временем

## 12. 1) интервал между раундами (бокс)

to call time - давать сигнал начать или кончить схватку

## 2) тайм; период, половина игры (футбол)

## 13. 1) скорость, темп; такт; размер; ритм

simple time - **муз.** простой размер

compound time - **муз.** сложный размер

waltz [march] time - ритм вальса [марша]

in time - а) ритмичный; б) ритмично; [**см. тж.** 3, 1) и 4, 4)]

out of time - а) неритмичный; б) неритмично

to get out of time - сбиться с ритма  
to march in quick [in slow] time - идти быстро [медленно]  
to keep /to beat/ time - отбивать такт, выдерживать такт /ритм/ [ср. тж. 11]  
to break into quick time - ускорить шаг, перейти на ускоренный шаг  
to quicken [to slow] the time - убыстрять /ускорять/ [замедлять] темп

## 2) стих. мора

### 14. библ. год

II

#### 1. 1) раз, случай

six times - шесть раз  
a dozen [several] times - много [несколько] раз  
every time - каждый раз  
last time - в прошлый раз  
this time - (на) этот раз  
next time - (в) следующий раз  
four times running - четыре раза подряд /кряду/  
he lost five times running - он проиграл пять раз подряд  
the first [the second] time - (в) первый [(во) второй] раз  
this is the third time he has come - вот уже третий раз, как он приходит  
another time - (в) другой раз  
the one time I got good cards - единственный раз, когда у меня были хорошие карты  
at a time - разом, сразу, одновременно [см. тж. 2]  
to do one thing at a time - делать по очереди, не браться за всё сразу  
to do two things at a time - делать две вещи одновременно /зараз/  
time after time - повторно; тысячу раз  
times out of /without/ number - бесчисленное количество раз  
time and again, time and time again - снова и снова  
he said it time and again - он не раз говорил это; он не уставал повторять это  
I had to prove it time and time again - мне приходилось доказывать это вновь и вновь /снова и снова, бесчётное количество раз/  
from time to time - время от времени, от случая к случаю  
nine times out of ten - в девяти случаях из десяти; в большинстве случаев  
I've told you so a hundred [a thousand] times - я тебе это говорил сто [тысячу] раз

#### 2) раз

three times six is /are/ eighteen - трижды шесть - восемнадцать

#### 2. каждый раз; каждый случай; каждая штука

it costs me 3 pounds a time to have my hair done - каждый раз я плачу 3 фунта за укладку волос  
pick any you like at 5 dollars a time - **разе.** выбирайте любую по 5 долларов штука  
at a time - за (один) раз, за (один) приём [см. тж. 1, 1]  
to run upstairs two at a time - бежать вверх по лестнице через две ступеньки  
to read a few pages at a time - читать не больше нескольких страниц за раз /за один присест/

#### 3. раз, крат

a hundred times greater - во сто крат больше  
twenty times less - в двадцать раз меньше  
many times as large - во много раз больше  
three times as wide [as tall] - в три раза /втрое/ шире [выше]  
three times as much /as many/ - втрое больше  
they were five times fewer - их было в пять раз меньше  
you'll get two times your clock - я заплачу вам вдвое больше, чем по счётчику (*предложение таксисту*)

◇

(old) Father Time - дедушка-время

the big time - верхушка лестницы, верхушка пирамиды; сливки общества  
to be in the big time, to have made the big time - принадлежать к сливкам общества, входить в элиту  
the time of day - а) положение вещей /дел/; б) последние сведения /данные/  
at this time of day - а) так поздно; б) на данном этапе; после того, что произошло; [ср. тж. I 3, 1]  
to know the time of day - а) быть настороже; б) быть искушённым (в чём-л.)  
to give smb. the time of day - а) обращать внимание на кого-л. (**особ.** с отрицанием); б) = to pass the time of day with smb.  
to pass the time of day with smb. - здороваться с кем-л.  
that's the time of day! - такие-то дела!, значит, дело обстоит так!  
against time - а) в пределах установленного времени; to talk against time - стараться соблюсти регламент [см. тж. в]); to work against time - стараться уложить /кончить работу/ в срок; б) с целью побить рекорд; to run against time - стараться побить ранее установленный рекорд; в) с целью выиграть время; to talk against time - говорить с целью затянуть время (*при obstructии в парламенте*) [см. тж. а)]; г) в большой спешке  
at the same time - тем не менее, однако [см. тж. I 4, 2]  
your statement is not groundless; at the same time it is not wholly true - ваше замечание не лишено основания, однако оно не совсем правильно  
in good time - а) со временем, с течением времени; you'll hear from me in good time - со временем я дам о себе знать; б) своевременно; в) заранее, заблаговременно; to start [to come] in good time - отправиться [прийти] заблаговременно; come in good time! - не опаздывай!; all in good time - всё в своё время

in bad time - не вовремя; поздно, с опозданием  
on time - **амер.** в рассрочку [**ср. тж.** I 4, 4)]  
to buy a TV set on time - купить в кредит телевизор  
once upon a time - давным-давно; во время оно; когда-то  
once upon a time there lived a king - давным-давно жил-был король  
to buy time - а) выигрывать время; б) оттягивать/тянуть/ время, канителить  
to have a thin time **см.** thin I ◊  
to have a time - а) переживать бурное время; б) испытывать большие трудности  
to have no time for smb. - плохо выносить кого-л.  
I have no time for him - он меня раздражает  
to kill time - убивать время  
to make time - поспешить, поторопиться  
we'll have to make time to catch the train - нам нужно поспешить, чтобы не /если мы не хотим/ опоздать на поезд  
to make good time - быстро преодолеть какое-л. расстояние  
to make a time about /over/ smth. - **амер.** волноваться, суетиться по поводу чего-л.; шумно реагировать на что-л.  
to mark time - а) шагать на месте; б) оттягивать/тянуть/ время; в) выполнять что-л. чисто формально работать без души  
to do time - отбывать тюремное заключение, отсидеть свой срок  
to serve /to complete/ one's time - а) отслужить свой срок (*в период ученичества*); б) отбыть срок (*в тюрьме*); [**ср. тж.** I 5]  
to near the end of one's time - а) заканчивать службу (*о солдате*); б) заканчивать срок (*о заключённом*)  
to sell time - **амер.** предоставлять за плату возможность выступить по радио *или* телевидению  
to take /to catch/ time by the forelock - действовать немедленно; воспользоваться случаем, использовать благоприятный момент  
to go with the times - плыть по течению [**см. тж.** I 5]  
there's no time like the present **см.** present I 1  
time works wonders - время делает /творит/ чудеса  
time cures all things - время - лучший лекарь  
time all tide wait for no man - время не ждёт  
it beats my time - **амер.** это выше моего понимания  
lost time is never found again - **посл.** потерянного времени не веротишь  
a stitch in time saves nine **см.** stitch I ◊  
time is money - **посл.** время - деньги

## 2. [taim] а

1. связанный с временем  
time advantage - **спорт.** преимущество во времени
2. снабжённый часовым механизмом  
time lock - замок с часовым механизмом
3. связанный с покупками в кредит *или* с платежами в рассрочку
4. подлежащий оплате в определённый срок

## 3. [taim] v

1. выбирать время; рассчитывать (по времени)  
to time oneself well - удачно выбрать время прихода /приезда/  
to time one's blows skilfully - искусно выбирать момент для (нанесения) удара  
to time one's march through the city - выбрать время для марша по улицам города  
the publication of the book was well timed - книга была опубликована в самый подходящий момент  
the remark was well timed - замечание было сделано очень кстати
2. назначать *или* устанавливать время; приурочивать  
he timed his arrival for six o'clock - он намечал свой приезд на шесть часов  
the train was timed to reach London at 8 a.m. - поезд должен был прибыть в Лондон в 8 часов утра
3. 1) ставить (часы)  
to time all the clocks in the office according to the radio - поставить все часы в конторе /в бюро/ по радио  
to time one's watch by the time signal - ставить часы по сигналу точного времени  
time your watch with mine - поставьте свои часы по моим  
the alarm-clock was timed to go off at nine o'clock - будильник был поставлен на девять часов
- 2) задавать темп; регулировать (*механизм и т. п.*)
4. отмечать по часам; засекают; определять время; хронометрировать  
to time the speed of work - хронометрировать трудовой процесс  
to time a worker on a new job - хронометрировать работу новичка  
to time the horse for each half mile - засекают время лошади на каждой полумиле  
to time how long it takes to do it - засесть, сколько времени требуется, чтобы сделать это  
I timed his reading - я следил за его чтением /за скоростью его чтения/ по часам
5. 1) рассчитывать, устанавливать продолжительность  
clockwork apparatus timed to run for forty-eight hours - часовой механизм, рассчитанный на двое суток работы
- 2) выделять время для определённого процесса  
to time one's exposure correctly - **фото** сделать /поставить/ нужную выдержку
6. (to, with)
- 1) делать в такт  
to time one's steps to the music - танцевать в такт музыке

- to time one's footsteps to a march - шагать в ритме марша  
 2) *редк.* совпадать, биться в унисон  
 7. *тех.* синхронизировать

**time**

**time** [time times timed timing] noun, verb *BrE* [taɪm] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [taɪm] <sup>ˈ</sup>

noun

see also ↑times

**MINUTES/HOURS/YEARS, ETC.**

1. **uncountable** what is measured in minutes, hours, days, etc
  - The changing seasons mark the **passing of time** .
  - A visit to the museum will take you **back in time** to the 1930s.
  - time and space
  - **As time went by** we saw less and less of each other.
  - Perceptions change **over time** (= as time passes) .
  - They say that time heals all wounds.

see also ↑Father Time
2. **uncountable** the time shown on a clock in minutes and hours
  - **What time is it/What's the time** ?
  - Do you have the time?
  - (*BrE*) **What time do you make it** ?
  - (*NAmE*) **What time do you have** ?
  - The time is now half past ten.
  - (*BrE*) Can she **tell the time** yet (= say what time it is by looking at a clock) ?
  - (*NAmE*) Can she **tell time** yet?
  - My watch **keeps perfect time** (= always shows the correct time) .
  - Look at the time! We'll be late.
  - **This time tomorrow** I'll be in Canada.
3. **uncountable** the time measured in a particular part of the world
  - Greenwich Mean Time
  - 6 o'clock **local time**

see also ↑standard time, ↑summer time
4. **uncountable, countable** the time when sth happens or when sth should happen
  - What time do you finish work?
  - The baby loves bath time.
  - ~ **(to do sth)** I think it's time to go to bed.
  - This is hardly the time to discuss politics.
  - ~ **(for sth)** It's time for lunch.
  - ~ **(that)...** It's time the kids were in bed.
  - **By the time** you get there the meeting will be over.
  - A computer screen shows arrival and departure times.
  - The train arrived **right on time** (= at exactly the correct time) .
  - You'll feel differently about it **when the time comes** (= when it happens) .
  - Have I called at a bad time? Shall I call back later?
  - The promotion came at just the right time for me.
  - We stock six different beers at any one time.

see also ↑any time, ↑closing time, ↑drive time, ↑night-time, ↑opening time

**PERIOD**

5. **uncountable** ~ **(to do sth)** an amount of time; the amount of time available to work, rest, etc
  - Allow plenty of time to get to the airport.
  - I can probably **make the time** to see them.
  - It **takes time** to make changes in the law.
  - We have **no time to lose** (= we must hurry) .
  - We got to the airport with time to spare.
  - He spends most of his time working.
  - She doesn't have much **free/spare time** .
  - Sorry, I can't spare the time.
  - What a **waste of time** !
  - I didn't finish the test— **I ran out of time** .
  - **Time's up** — have you worked out the answer yet?
  - He nevertakes any **time off** (= time spent not working) .
  - Jane's worked here **for some time** (= for a fairly long period of time) .
  - Do it now please— not in three hours' time (= three hours from now) .
  - The journey time is two hours.
  - I don't want to take up too much of your precious time.
  - What's the hurry? We have all the time in the world.

see also ↑response time

6. **a time singular** a period of time, either long or short, during which you do sth or sth happens

- His injuries will **take a long time** to heal.
- Did you have to wait a long time to see the doctor?
- I lived in Egypt **for a time** .
- The early morning is the best **time of day** .
- Her parents died **a long time ago** .
- **At one time** (= at a period of time in the past) Emily was my best friend.
- Mr Curtis was the manager **in my time** (= when I was working there) .

7. **uncountable, plural** a period of history connected with particular events or experiences in people's lives

- The movie is set **at the time of** the Russian Revolution
- in ancient times
- the violent times we live in (= the present period of history)
- the politician who promised 'peace in our time'
- Times are hard for the unemployed.
- **Times have changed** since Grandma was young.

**see also** ↑old-time

## OCCASION/EVENT

8. **countable** an occasion when you do sth or when sth happens

- **Every time** I hear that song I feel happy.
- It doesn't matter if you don't win every time (= every time you play) .
- **Next time** you're here let's have lunch together.
- He failed his driving test three times.
- He's determined to pass **this time** .
- When was the **last time** you saw her?
- **How many times** (= how often) do I have to tell you not to do that?
- (**especially NAmE**) I remember **one time** (= once) we had to abandon our car in the snow.
- (**formal**) **At no time did** I give my consent to the plan. To talk about the first or the last time you do sth, use **the first/last time (that) I...**
- This is the first time (that) I've been to London.
- This is the first time for me to go to London.
- That was the last time (that) I saw her.

9. **countable** an event or occasion that you experience in a particular way

- Did you **have a good time** in Spain?
- I had an awful time in the hospital.
- Mike and I shared some really good times.

## FOR RACE

10. **countable, uncountable** how long sb takes to run a race or complete an event

- The winner's time was 11.6 seconds.
- She completed the 500 metres **in record time** (= faster than any previous runner) .
- one of the fastest times ever

## IN MUSIC

11. **uncountable** the number of beats in a ↑bar of music

- This piece is in four-fourtime.
- a slow waltz time
- The conductor **beat time** with a baton.

12. **uncountable** the correct speed and rhythm of a piece of music

- Try and dance **in time to** the music (= with the same speed and rhythm) .
- Clap your hands to **keep time** (= sing or move with the correct speed and rhythm) .
- to play **in/out of time** (= follow/not follow the correct speed and rhythm)
- He always plays in perfect time.

**see also** ↑big time, ↑small-time

**more at** beat time (to sth) **at** ↑beat *v.*, bide your time **at** ↑bide, be (living) on borrowed time **at** ↑borrow, buy time **at** ↑buy *v.*, call time (on sth) **at** ↑call *v.*, in the course of time **at** ↑course *n.*, take it/things one day at a time **at** ↑day, a devil of a job/time **at** ↑devil, have an easy time of it **at** ↑easy *adj.*, there's a first time for everything **at** ↑first *det.*, from that day/time forth **at** ↑forth, in the fullness of time **at** ↑fullness, gain time **at** ↑gain *v.*, give me sth/sb (any day/time) **at** ↑give *v.*, give sb a hard time **at** ↑hard *adj.*, have a high old time **at** ↑high *adj.*, kill time **at** ↑kill *v.*, long time no see **at** ↑long *adj.*, make up for lost time **at** ↑lost *adj.*, better luck next time **at** ↑luck *n.*, mark time **at** ↑mark *v.*, it's just/only a matter of time **at** ↑matter *n.*, move with the times **at** ↑move *v.*, in the nick of time **at** ↑nick *n.*, ninety-nine times out of hundred **at** ↑ninety, for old times' sake **at** ↑old, once upon a time **at** ↑once *adv.*, pass the time of day **at** ↑pass *v.*, a race against time/the clock **at** ↑race *n.*, a sign of the times **at** ↑sign *n.*, a stitch in time (saves nine) **at** ↑stitch *n.*, in your own sweet time/way **at** ↑sweet *adj.*, have a thin time (of it) **at** ↑thin *adj.*, third time lucky **at** ↑third, have a whale of a time **at** ↑whale

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Old English tīma, of Germanic origin; related to ↑tide, which it superseded in temporal senses. The earliest of the current verb



senses (dating from late Middle English) is 'do (something) at a particular moment'.

### Synonyms:

#### **rest**

**break** • **respite** • **time out** • **breathing space**

These are all words for a short period of time spent relaxing.

**rest** • a period of relaxing, sleeping or doing nothing after a period of activity: ▪ We stopped for a well-earned rest.

**break** • a short period of time when you stop what you are doing and rest or eat: ▪ Let's ▪ take a break ▪.

In British English **break** is a period of time between lessons at school. The North American English word is **recess**.

**respite** • a short break from sth difficult or unpleasant: ▪ The drug brought a brief respite from the pain.

**time out** • (informal, especially NAmE) time for resting or relaxing away from your usual work or studies: ▪ Take time out to relax by the pool.

**breathing space** • a short rest in the middle of a period of mental or physical effort ▪ This delay gives the party a breathing space in which to sort out its policies.

(a) rest/break/respite/time out **from** sth

to **have/take** (a) rest/break/time out

to **give sb** (a) rest/break/respite/breathing space

### Example Bank:

- A great deal of time has been spent on developing this software.
- As time went by we saw less and less of each other.
- At one time Mary was my best friend.
- At the time of writing, a ceasefire is under discussion.
- By the time you get there the meeting will be over.
- Can he tell the time yet?
- Check the programme ahead of time.
- De Niro makes the most of limited screen time.
- Do you have time for a chat?
- Do you need more time?
- Every time I hear that song I feel happy.
- Finishing the book was a race against time.
- For the first time in history, more than half of us now live in cities.
- Get to the airport in good time.
- Have you lived abroad for any length of time?
- He can be rather moody at times.
- He completed the course in record time.
- He lived at the time of the Civil War.
- He put all his time into the show.
- He surfs the Internet for hours at a time.
- He'd been thinking about quitting his job for quite some time.
- Her parents died a long time ago.
- Her skills improved with time.
- Hot water is available at all times.
- How time flies!
- I can certainly do the job if you give me time.
- I can never find time to write letters.
- I can remember the first time I met her.
- I didn't finish the test— I ran out of time.
- I had no time to think.
- I hope to spend more time with my family.
- I lived there for a time.
- I told her not to do it for the umpteenth time.
- I'll be back in ten minutes' time.
- I'm determined to pass this time.
- I've told you countless times.
- Is this an appropriate time to discuss my salary?
- It helps to pass the time.
- It took her a long time to read the report.
- It was a fun time for us girls.
- It was only a matter of time before someone tried to kill him.
- It's a sign of the times when sports stars earn more than movie stars.
- It's time for a break.
- Kelly played guitar and everyone clapped their hands in time.
- Let me just check the time.
- Mr Curtis was the manager in my time.
- My watch keeps good time.
- Next time you're here let's have lunch together.
- Not knowing what to do, she played for time by going to the bathroom.
- Perceptions change over time.
- She clocked up one of the fastest times of the year.

- She devotes all her spare time to gardening.
- She spends much of her time reading.
- She'll have gone by the time we get there.
- Sorry, your time is up.
- Take your time.
- The Beatles were before my time.
- The attacks were launched at 9 p.m. local time.
- The chairlift can take four people at a time.
- The changing seasons mark the passing of time.
- The coach plans to give younger players more playing time.
- The leaves start to turn red at this time of (the) year.
- The letter was in my pocket all the time.
- The origins of this custom are lost in the mists of time.
- The plane took off an hour behind time.
- The play takes us back in time to the 1940s.
- The time is ripe for revolution.
- The trains are rarely on time.
- The world exists in time and space.
- There are extra buses at peak times.
- There is a long lead time between order and delivery of the product.
- There's less traffic at this time of day.
- They didn't allow much time for discussion.
- They were clapping in time to the music.
- This doesn't leave much time for us to get ready.
- This time tomorrow I'll be in Canada.
- This would be a bad time to tell her.
- Time drags in this job.
- Time heals all wounds.
- Time was when we never needed to lock our house at night.
- Times have changed since Grandma was young.
- We got home in time to see the end of the game.
- We had a great time at the party.
- We had everything worked out ahead of time.
- We had to wait some time before the bus arrived.
- We have no time to lose.
- We need to fix a time for the next meeting.
- We will discuss this matter later, if time permits.
- We'll have to bide our time until the rain stops.
- We're wasting precious time.
- What a waste of time!
- What are you doing out of bed at this time of night?
- What time do you make it?
- Where does the time go?
- You would save time with a dishwasher.
- You'll feel differently about it when the time comes.
- You'll get used to the work in time.
- Your time will come.
- in times of trouble
- measures to reduce waiting times
- the greatest footballer of all time
- the movie's two-hour running time
- three times out of ten
- travel through time
- two hours behind Central European Time
- At no time did I give my consent to the plan.
- Clap your hands to keep time.
- Have I called at a bad time?
- He failed the test three times.
- How many times do I have to tell you not to do that?
- I remember one time we had to abandon our car in the snow.
- I think it's time to go to bed.
- It's time the kids were in bed.
- She always plays in/out of time.
- The Industrial Revolution took place in Victorian times.
- The early morning is the best time of day.
- The rise in gun sales is an alarming sign of the times.
- The train arrived right on time.
- The violence of our times is nothing new.
- There were times— sometimes whole weeks— when I thought it wasn't worth trying to complete the project.
- Try and dance in time to the music.

**Idioms:** ↑about time ▪ ↑against time ▪ ↑ahead of time ▪ ↑ahead of your time ▪ ↑all the time ▪ ↑at a time ▪ ↑at all times ▪ at my/your/his time of life ▪ ↑at the best of times ▪ ↑at the same time ▪ ↑at times ▪ before my/your/his time ▪ ↑behind the times ▪ ↑do time ▪ ↑every time ▪ ↑for the time being ▪ ↑from time to time ▪ ↑have a lot of time for somebody ▪ ↑have no time for somebody ▪ ↑have the time of your life ▪ ↑have time on your hands ▪ ↑have time to kill ▪ ↑in good time ▪ ↑in no time ▪ ↑in time ▪ ↑in your own time ▪ ↑it's high time ▪ ↑keep up with the times ▪ ↑make good time ▪ ↑many a time ▪ ↑many's the time ... ▪ next/first/second time round ▪ ↑nine times out of ten ▪ ↑ninety-nine times out of a hundred ▪ ↑no time like the present ▪ ↑not before time ▪ ↑not give somebody the time of day ▪ ↑not have much time for somebody ▪ ↑of all time ▪ ↑only time will tell ▪ ↑take time out ▪ ↑take your time ▪ take your time to do something sth ▪ ↑time after time ▪ ↑time and a half ▪ ↑time and again ▪ ↑time flies ▪ ↑time is money ▪ ↑time is on your side ▪ ↑time was ... ▪ ↑time will tell ▪ ↑whole time

**Derived** ↑time out ▪ ↑time shout

verb

### ARRANGE TIME

1. often passive to arrange to do sth or arrange for sth to happen at a particular time

- ~ **sth (for sth)** She timed her arrival for shortly after 3.
- Their request was **badly timed** (= it was made at the wrong time) .
- 'I hope we're not too early.' 'You couldn't have timed it better!'
- ~ **sth to do sth** Publication of his biography was **timed to coincide with** his 70th birthday celebrations.

### MEASURE TIME

2. to measure how long it takes for sth to happen or for sb to do sth

- ~ **sth (at sth)** The winner was timed at 20.4 seconds.
- 'How long does it take to get to Leeds from here?' 'I don't know, I've never timed it.'
- ~ **how long...** Time how long it takes you to answer the questions.

### IN SPORT

3. ~ **sth** to hit or kick a ball at a particular moment in a sports game

- She timed the pass perfectly.
- a beautifully timed shot

**see also** ↑ill-timed, ↑mistime, ↑timing, ↑well timed

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	time
	BrE /ˈtaɪm/
	NAme /ˈtaɪm/
he / she /it	times
	BrE /ˈtaɪmz/
	NAme /ˈtaɪmz/
past simple, past participle	timed
	BrE /ˈtaɪmd/
	NAme /ˈtaɪmd/
-ing form	timing
	BrE /ˈtaɪmɪŋ/
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### Example Bank:

- The meeting is timed for 3 o'clock.
- The schedule must be carefully timed.
- The show is timed to coincide with the launch of her new book.
- This campaign is well timed.
- We had timed our arrival to perfection.
- a beautifully timed entrance
- 'I hope we're not too early?' 'No, you couldn't have timed it better!'
- Publication of the book was timed to coincide with his 70th birthday celebrations.
- The request was badly timed.

### time

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1. **time**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /taɪm/ **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑time, ↑overtime, ↑timer, ↑timing, ↑timelessness; **adjective:** ↑timeless, ↑timely ≠ ↑untimely; **verb:** ↑time; **adverb:** ↑timelessly]

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** *tīma*]

1. **MINUTES/HOURS ETC** [**uncountable**] the thing that is measured in minutes, hours, days, years etc using clocks:

- Einstein changed the way we think about space and time.

close relationships established over a long period of time

Customers have only a limited amount of time to examine the goods.

**time passes/goes by**

Their marriage got better as time went by.

**2. ON A CLOCK [singular]** a particular point in time shown on a clock in hours and minutes:

'What time is it?' 'It's about two thirty.'

What time are you going out tonight?

**what time do you make it? British English what time do you have? American English** (=used to ask someone with a watch what time it is)

**have you got the time? British English do you have the time? American English** (=used to ask someone if they know what time it is)

**tell the time British English tell time American English** (=be able to understand a clock)

Robin's just learning to tell the time.

**look at the time** (=used when you realize that it is later than you thought it was)

Oh no. Look at the time. I'll be late.

**is that the time?** (=used when you suddenly realize what the time is)

Is that the time? I must go.

**this time tomorrow/last week etc**

By this time tomorrow I'll know whether I've got the job.

**3. OCCASION [countable]** an occasion when something happens or someone does something:

That was the only time we disagreed.

Do you remember the time I hit Tom Benson?

Mary had seen the film many times.

**(for) the first/second/last etc time**

It was the first time that he had lost a game.

Gerry had just had back surgery for the third time in two years.

**(the) next time/(the) last time/this time**

Why don't you drop in for a drink next time you're over this way?

The last time (=the most recent time) I saw Jonathan was Thursday evening.

The freezing weather did not return until February but this time we were prepared.

**the first/second/next/last etc time round** (=the first, second etc time something happens)

I missed their concert the first time round so I'm going next week.

**every/each time**

I meet up with Julie every time I go to Washington.

**how many times ...?**

How many times did you take your driving test?

How many times have I told you not to wander off like that? (=I have told you many times)

One time (=once) I went to a garage sale and bought fifteen books.

**4. POINT WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS [uncountable and countable]** the particular minute, hour, day etc when something happens or should happen

**at the time of something**

She was three months pregnant at the time of Stephen's death.

**at some/any/that time**

He is performing as well as at any time in his career.

The UK has 500,000 stray dogs on its streets at any one time (=at any particular time).

**at a/the time when ...**

At the time when this scheme was introduced, it was recognised that there might be problems.

**by the time ...**

The phone was ringing but by the time she got indoors, it had stopped.

**it's time to do something**

Rosie – it's time to get up.

**it's time for something**

Come on, it's time for bed.

He glanced at his watch. 'It's time for me to go.'

**it's time somebody did something**

It's time I fed the dog.

Now is the right time for us to move to London.

**a good/bad time**

This might be a good time to start planning the new garden.

**not the time/hardly the time**

Now is not the time to annoy Peter.

**there's no time like the present** (=used to say that now is a good time to do something)

'When do you want to meet?' 'Well, there's no time like the present.'

**dinner/lunch/tea etc time**

It's nearly dinner time.

**opening/closing time** (=the time when a shop, bar etc opens or closes)

We empty the till each night at closing time.

**arrival/departure time** (=the time when a train, plane etc arrives or leaves)

Our estimated arrival time is 2:30 pm.

**time of day/year**

England is so lovely at this time of year.

We'll sort that out when the time comes (=when it becomes necessary).

**5. PERIOD OF TIME [singular, uncountable]** a period of time during which something happens or someone does something:

Dustin wanted to spend as much time as possible with his family.

**a long/short/limited time**

I first met Jennifer a long time ago.

They stopped for a short time to rest the horses.

Andy and Tom talked for some time (=for a fairly short period).

Alison was married, for a time (=for a fairly short period), to a comedian.

Martin disliked being away from his family for any length of time (=for more than just a short period).

It took her a long time to make a decision.

Learning a language isn't easy – it takes time (=takes a long period of time).

**take time to do something** (=deliberately spend time doing something)

While in New York he took time to visit some friends.

**travel time**

I wanted to make better use of my travel time.

**6. AVAILABLE TIME [uncountable]** an amount of time that is available for you to do something:

I'll visit him if I have time.

Molly would like to do some diving if there is time.

**have time for something**

She realized she would have time for a coffee before her train left.

We don't have to rush. We have all the time in the world (=have plenty of time).

June had little time to spare (=available time) for making her own clothes.

**free/spare time** (=time when you are not working)

He writes poetry in his spare time.

Being prepared for meetings will save time.

I don't want to waste time arguing.

She spent precious time (=valuable and important time) looking for a telephone.

I seem to spend most of my time on the phone.

McDuff passed the time writing letters (=wrote letters because he had nothing else to do).

**have time on your hands/time to kill** (=not have enough to do)

Now the children have left home, she has too much time on her hands.

**make/find time (for something/to do something)** (=plan so that you have time available for something)

Make time to talk to your children.

Book your ticket soon, as time is running out.

**time's up** (=used to say that it is the end of the time allowed for something such as a competition or examination)

**we're out of time** (=used on radio and television programmes to say that there is no more time available on the programme)

**7. all the time** (also **the whole time**) continuously or very often:

I keep practising and I'm improving all the time.

He worries about her the whole time.

**8. most of the time** very often or almost always:

I can speak German but we speak English most of the time.

**9. half the time** if something happens half the time, especially something annoying, it happens quite often:

Half the time you don't even notice what I'm wearing.

**10. at times** sometimes:

Life is hard at times.

**11. from time to time** sometimes, but not regularly or very often:

These food safety scares happen from time to time.

**12. time after time/time and time again** often, over a long period:

The police were catching the same kids stealing time after time.

**13. at all times** always – used especially in official rules and statements:

Children must be supervised at all times while in the park.

Parents are welcome at all times.

**14. nine times out of ten/99 times out of 100 etc** used to say that something is almost always true or almost always happens:

Nine times out of ten she's right.

**15. at the time** at a particular moment or period in the past when something happened, especially when the situation is very different now:

I was about ten or eleven at the time.

**16. at one time** at a time in the past but not now:

At one time she wanted to be a nurse, but the thought of working at night put her off.

**17. at this time** *American English* at this particular moment:

The President said his actions were 'the right ones at this time'.

**18. at no time** used to say strongly that something never happened or should never happen

**at no time did/was etc**

At no time did anyone involved speak to the press.

At no time was the company informed.

**19. for the time being** for a short period of time from now, but not permanently:

Now, for the time being, she is living with her father in Tijuana.

**20. in 10 days'/five years'/a few minutes' etc time** ten days, five years etc from now:

He has an appointment with the doctor in two days' time.

- 21. in time**  
 a) before the time by which it is necessary for something to be done:  
 " Will you be able to finish it in time?  
**in time to do something**  
 " They ran all the way to the corner just in time to see the bus disappearing up the street.  
**in time for**  
 " The painting was successfully repaired in time for the opening of the exhibition.  
**in good time/in plenty of time (=a long time before the necessary time)**  
 " We arrived at the concert hall in good time.
- b) after a certain period of time, especially after a gradual process of change and development:  
 " He wants to see changes in the company and I am sure he will, in time.
- 22. with time to spare** sooner than expected or necessary:  
 " We should arrive in New York with time to spare.
- 23. over time** if something happens over time, it happens gradually during a long period:  
 " The research project will be assessed overtime.  
 " Students are encouraged to consider the way language changes over time.
- 24. with time/given time** after a period of time:  
 " These symptoms will start to get better with time.  
 " I would have thought of the answer, given time.
- 25. take your time**  
 a) to do something slowly or carefully without hurrying  
**take your time doing something**  
 " Marie took her time cutting my hair and did it really well.  
**take your time over**  
 " He had planned to take his time over the journey.  
 b) to do something more slowly than seems reasonable:  
 " You're taking your time with the lab tests. We need the results now.
- 26. five/ten/many etc times ...** used to say how much greater, more etc one thing is than another:  
 " Sound travels four times faster in water than in air.  
 " There were three times as many girls as boys.
- 27. ... at a time**  
 a) if someone deals with things one, three, ten etc at a time, they deal with them separately or in groups of three, ten etc:  
 " If you raise your hands, I'll answer questions one at a time.  
 " Frank took the stairs two at a time.  
 b) if something happens for hours, days, months etc at a time, it continues for several hours, months etc:  
 " Because of his work, he's often away for weeks at a time.
- 28. on time** at the correct time or the time that was arranged:  
 " Jack was worried about whether he'd be able to get there on time.  
**right/bang/dead on time (=at exactly the right time)**  
 " The plane arrived right on time.
- 29. ahead of/behind time** earlier or later than the time when something happens, should be done etc:  
 " Prepare what you plan to say in the meeting ahead of time (=before the meeting).  
 " The train left twenty minutes behind time (=after it should have left).
- 30. it's about time (also it's high time) spoken** used to say strongly that you think something should happen soon or should already have happened:  
 " It's about time our team won.  
 " It's high time we had a party.
- 31. not before time/and about time (too) spoken** used to say that something should have happened sooner:  
 " Philip is going to be punished and not before time.
- 32. the best/biggest etc ... of all time** the best, biggest etc of a particular kind of person or thing that has ever existed:  
 " He is the greatest athlete of all time, in my opinion.
- 33. in no time (at all)/in next to no time** very quickly or soon:  
 " We'll be there in no time.
- 34. any time (now)** very soon:  
 " 'When is she due back?' 'Any time now.'
- 35. it's (only/just) a matter/question of time** used to say that something will definitely happen at some time in the future, but you do not know when:  
 " I'll find the key eventually. It's just a question of time.  
 " It's only a matter of time before we catch the person who killed her.
- 36. (only) time will tell** used to say that at some time in the future it will become clear whether or not something is true, right etc:  
 " Only time will tell if the treatment has been successful.
- 37. PERIOD IN HISTORY [countable] (also times [plural])** a particular period in history:  
 " Mankind has used the horse since ancient times.  
 " In earlier times, servants would use the bare wooden stairs at the back of the house.  
**at/in/during etc the time of something**  
 " He lived at the time of the Napoleonic wars.  
**our time(s) (=the present period in history)**  
 " Air pollution has become one of the most significant health problems of our time.
- 38. behind the times** old-fashioned:  
 " Our equipment is a bit behind the times.

39. **move/change/keep up with the times** to change when other things in society, business etc change:  
 " We've got to move with the times.
40. **ahead of your/its time** having or using the most advanced ideas, methods, designs, technology etc:  
 " Coleridge was far ahead of his time in his understanding of the unconscious.
41. **PLEASANT/UNPLEASANT [countable]** a good time, bad time, difficult time etc is a period or occasion when you have good, bad, difficult etc experiences:  
 " This was the happiest time of her life.  
**good/bad/hard etc times**  
 " They had their happy times, but they had their hard times too.  
**have a good/great/lovely etc time (=enjoy yourself)**  
 " Did you have a good time at the party?  
 " Julie went to a wedding at the weekend and had the time of her life (=enjoyed herself very much).
42. **sb's time in/at/as something** the period of time when you were living in a particular place, working for a particular company etc:  
 " In her time at the United Nations she was considered a tough negotiator.
43. **before your time**  
 a) before you were born or before you started working or living somewhere:  
 " They say he was a great actor but that was before my time.  
 b) if you do something, especially get old, before your time, you do it before the time when most people usually do it in their lives:  
 " He seemed to grow into an old man before his time.
44. **IN PART OF THE WORLD [uncountable]** the way of referring to points in time in one particular part of the world:  
 " Eastern Standard Time  
 " British Summer Time  
 " The flight to Boston arrives at 1.15 pm local time.
45. **TIME TAKEN [countable]**  
 a) the amount of time taken by a competitor in a race:  
 " The Olympic medallist's time in the 200 metres final was 2 minutes 11.56 seconds.  
 b) **journey time** the amount of time a journey takes:  
 " The journey time to London is approximately four hours.
46. **SPORTS [uncountable] British English** the end of the normal period of playing time in a sports game, especially football **SYN full time**:  
 " Mason's goal 13 minutes from time earned his team a place in the finals.
47. **MUSIC [uncountable]** the number of beats in each **↑bar** in a piece of music:  
 " Waltzes are usually in three-fourtime.
48. **in time to/with something** if you do something in time to a piece of music, you do it using the same **↑rhythm** and speed as the music:  
 " Gloria was tapping her feet in time to the music.
49. **keep/beat time** to show the **↑rhythm** and speed that a piece of music should be played at to a group of musicians, using your hands
50. **keep perfect/good etc time** if a clock keeps good time, it always shows the correct time
51. **PRISON do time** to spend a period of time in prison:  
 " Paul was doing time for burglary.
52. **pass the time of day (with somebody)** to say hello to someone and have a short talk with them:  
 " People like to pass the time of day with neighbours.
53. **time was (when)** used to say that there was a time when you used to be able to do something, when something used to happen etc:  
 " Time was when no one had television.
54. **there's no time to lose** used to say that you must do something quickly because there is very little time
55. **make good time** if you make good time on a journey, you travel quickly, especially more quickly than you expected:  
 " We made good time and were at the hotel by lunchtime.
56. **race/work/battle against time** to try to finish or achieve something even though you have very little time:  
 " Mark was racing against time to complete the work by Friday.
57. **time is money** used to say that wasting time or delaying something costs money
58. **time is on your side** used to say that someone is young enough to be able to wait before doing something or until something happens
59. **time is a great healer/heals all wounds** used to say that someone will become less upset as time passes
60. **time flies** used to say that time seems to pass very quickly:  
 " Time flies when you're having fun.
61. **in your own time** if you study or do work in your own time, you do it outside normal school or work hours:  
 " Nurses in training study in their own time.
62. **in your own (good) time informal** when you are ready:  
 " Bobby will tell them about it in his own good time.
63. **all in good time** used to tell someone to be patient because something they are waiting for will certainly happen after a period of time, and probably quite soon:  
 " 'I'd love to see it.' 'All in good time.'
64. **have a lot of/no time for somebody/something informal** if you have a lot of time for someone or something, you like or admire them:  
 " He has no time for (=does not like) people who talk too much.
65. **time of life** used to refer to someone's age:  
 " At my time of life, you can't take too many shocks like that.

66. **your time** used in certain expressions to refer to the period when you are alive

in your time

- I've met some rude women in my time but she's the worst.
- He was many things in his time – musician, pilot, cattle-rancher, industrialist, journalist.
- If I had my time over again (=lived my life again), I'd probably do exactly the same things.

67. **time of the month** the time when a woman has her ↑period:

- It's that time of the month.

68. **time out of mind** *literary* a very long time, or a very long time ago

- ⇒ ↑big time<sup>1</sup>, ↑full-time, ↑half-time, ↑part-time, ↑real-time, ⇒ at the best of times at ↑best<sup>3</sup>(11), ⇒ time is of the essence at ↑essence(4), ⇒ bide your time at ↑bide(1), ⇒ in the fullness of time at ↑fullness(1), ⇒ give somebody/something time at ↑give<sup>1</sup>(21), ⇒ kill time at ↑kill<sup>1</sup>(8), ⇒ lose time at ↑lose(8), ⇒ mark time at ↑mark<sup>2</sup>(11), ⇒ move with the times at ↑move<sup>1</sup>(17), ⇒ in the nick of time at ↑nick<sup>1</sup>(1), ⇒ for old times' sake at ↑old(19), ⇒ once upon a time at ↑once<sup>1</sup>(14), ⇒ play for time at ↑play<sup>1</sup>(18), ⇒ the time is ripe at ↑ripe(3), ⇒ at the same time at ↑same<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ sign of the times at ↑sign<sup>1</sup>(9), ⇒ a stitch in time (saves nine) at ↑stitch<sup>1</sup>(8), ⇒ have a whale of a time at ↑whale<sup>1</sup>(2)

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 5 & 6)

### ■ verbs

- **time passes/goes by** As time passed, she thought less and less about her family back home.
- **take time** (=require a long time to do) Learning a new skill takes time.
- **have time** (=have enough time to do something) I didn't do it because I didn't have time.
- **have/get time to do something** We never get time to do anything together.
- **spend time** I'm going to spend some time with my family.
- **pass the time** (=spend a period of time doing something) The prisoners pass the time reading, or writing letters.
- **waste time** You are wasting your time arguing with him.
- **save time** I used a ready-made sauce in order to save time.
- **make/find time to do something** (=do something, even though you are busy) You need to make time to do things you enjoy.
- **kill time** (=spend time doing something unimportant while waiting for something) He was just killing time before his appointment.

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + time

- **a long time** I haven't seen him for a long time.
- **a short time** A short time later, she heard him drive away.
- **a limited time** (=a short period of time) The offer is available for a limited time only.
- **some time** (=quite a long period of time) I've known the truth for some time.
- **free/spare time** He spends all this free time watching television.
- **precious/valuable time** I'm sorry if I'm taking up your valuable time.
- **family time** As the children get older, evenings become valuable family time.
- **journey/travel time** (=the time it takes to travel somewhere) By train, the journey time to London is about two hours.

### ■ phrases

- **a period of time** Over a period of time the students develop their own ideas.
- **an amount/a length of time** Customers only have a limited amount of time to inspect the goods.
- **there is time to do something** (=there is enough time to do it) There was no time to discuss it further.
- **it takes time to do something** It took them a long time to struggle through the crowds.
- **as time goes on** (=as time passes) I understood him better as time went on.
- **time is running out** (=there is not much time left to do something) Doctors are looking for a suitable donor, but time is running out.
- **time's up** (=used to say that the time allowed for something has finished) Time's up, class. Put your pens down and hand your papers to the front.
- **have time to kill** (=have time to do something unimportant while waiting for something) I still had some time to kill, so I thought I'd make a couple of phone calls.

### ■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say 'a small time'. Say a short time.

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## THESAURUS

### ■ a time when something happens

- **time** a time when something happens or when you should do something: The last time I saw her she was in high school. | It's time for you to go to bed. | The best time to visit Scotland is in late May.
- **occasion** a time when something happens. **Occasion** is more formal than **time**: They have been seen together on several occasions. | The last occasion the two teams met, the Giants won easily.
- **moment** a particular point in time when something happens: At that moment (=at exactly that time), the door bell rang. | The next moment she was gone.
- **point** a particular time during a longer period of time: At one point during the play she completely forgot her lines. | the lowest point of the holiday

### ■ a long time

- **a long time** a long period of time, especially many months or years: They've been married a long time – nearly 30 years. | The house has been empty for a long time.
- **all day/night/year/week** continuing for the whole day, night, year etc – used especially to emphasize that it is a long time: It's going to take me all night to finish this essay. | He's in London all week, and only comes home at the weekends.
- **hours/weeks/months/years** many hours, weeks, months, or years – used to emphasize that it is a long time, or much longer



than it should be: It's years since I rode a bike. | My wife had to wait months for a hospital appointment.

▪ **ages** *especially British English informal* a very long time: I've been standing here for ages. | The software takes ages to load. | They've lived there for ages.

▪ **a while** (*also some time*) a fairly long time: I hadn't seen Paul for a while, and he'd completely changed. | It may be some time before the company starts to make a profit.

▪ **the longest time** *American English* a very long time: For the longest time, my daughter wasn't reading at all. | It took me the longest time to figure out how to work the sunroof in this car.

### ■ a short time

▪ **a minute/moment** a short time: I'll call you back in a minute. | Can I show you something? It will only take a moment.

▪ **a second** a very short time: I'll be ready in a second. | Just a second – I can't find my wallet.

▪ **an instant** *written* a very short time: In an instant, they were gone. | He paused for an instant.

▪ **a little while / a short while** a short period of time, especially a few hours, days, or weeks: I've been to Tokyo, but I was only there for a short while. | I saw him a little while ago.

## II. time<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb [transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑time, ↑overtime, ↑timer, ↑timing, ↑timelessness; adjective: ↑timeless, ↑timely ≠ ↑untimely; verb: ↑time; adverb: ↑timelessly]

1. [usually passive] to arrange that something should happen at a particular time:

I saw from the station clock that I had timed my arrival perfectly.

### be timed to do something

The tour has been timed to allow visitors to attend the opening night of the Verona opera season.

Her book was timed to coincide with (=arranged to be at the same time as) an exhibition of Goya's paintings at the National Gallery.

### be timed for something

The meeting has been timed for three o'clock.

2. to measure how fast someone or something is going, how long it takes to do something etc:

We had to run up the stairs while the Sergeant timed us.

### time somebody/something at something

They timed the winner at 2 minutes and 14.05 seconds.

3. to hit a ball or make a shot at a particular moment ⇒ **mistime**

### time something well/badly etc

Keith timed the pass well.

a beautifully timed shot

⇒ ↑ill-timed, ↑well-timed

## time

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