

Minute Hand

The long hand points to the minutes past or to the hour.

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Hour Hand

The short hand points to the hour. If this hand is pointing in between hours, it is the earlier hour of the two.

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O'Clock

A new hour begins when the minute hand points to 12.

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Half Past

30 minutes into the hour.
30 is half of 60.

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Quarter Past

15 minutes into the hour.
15 is one quarter of 60.

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Quarter To

45 minutes into the hour and 15 minutes before a new hour begins.

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