

ON THE HOUR

When the big hand points straight up to the 12, it is on the hour, or **o' clock**. We look for the number where the little hand is pointing, and say **"It is 9 o' clock."**



HALF PAST

When the big hand points straight down to the 6, it is **half past**. We look at the little hand to see which number it has just gone past, and say "**It is half past 2.**"



QUARTER AFTER

When the big hand points to the 3, it is **a quarter after** the hour. We look at the little hand to see which number it has just gone past, and say **"It is a quarter after 11."**



QUARTER OF

When the big hand points to the 9, it is a quarter of the hour. We look at the little hand to see which number it will reach next, and say "It is a quarter of 5."

