



# Time

**"Time is the effect of  
existence and the  
measure of our world."**

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Think and answer

- *What does TIME mean to you?*
- *Do you have enough time to manage everything you've planned?*

# Vocabulary work

Match the phrases with their meanings

- in conjunction with
- everyone is obsessed with
- a great deal of
- 'closing time'
- extremely flexible

Sufficiently extensive

To be in connection with

To be anxious

A lot of = amount of

Working hours

To start with, everyone is obsessed with time. Sometimes we have too much of it, sometimes not enough. Sometimes we are short of time, sometimes - it's on our side. We spend a great deal of it arranging our things and plans.

The fact is the use of the word 'time' in conjunction with other words to form expressions is very diverse. Let's learn some examples. 'Airtime' describes the time at which a radio or TV program is scheduled to be broadcasted, whereas 'closing time' refers to when a shop or other business closes for the day. By the way, one can either do short or full time work with regards to how many hours a day or week one works. We also use time to measure one's punctuality, commitment and interest to a job or task on whether the person in question arrives in or on time to do something. If it should be the case that he or she is late, then this might be justified or apologized for by the person, explaining this as being a unique or 'one-time' event which will never happen again. So as you can see, 'time' is extremely flexible and every person values it in his own way.



## Answer the questions. True/False

- 1. Is a person obsessed with time?
- 2. Is the use of the word 'time' in conjunction with other words to form expressions is very stable?
- 3. "Closing time" refers to working hours of shops, restaurants and other places, doesn't it?
- 4. Does 'time' have extremely flexible meaning?

