

TIME

- Work with a partner. You have three minutes to complete the sentences. Don't run out of time!

1 I only see my half-brother _____ **time** _____ **time**.

2 We can cut across the park **to** _____ **time**.

3 Sorry, I can't help you now. I'm a **bit** _____ **time**.

4 Now that she's retired she's got a lot of **time** _____ **her hands**.

5 I can't remember much about my school days, as it was **such a** _____ **time** _____.

6 My girlfriend's never _____ **time**. She's the least punctual person I know.

7 The actual wedding ceremony had finished _____ **the time** we got there.

8 I need to take **some time** _____ work to recover.

9 My niece was born in the nineties so The Beatles were _____ **her time**.

10 Our honeymoon was fantastic! We had **the time of our** _____.

11 Generally speaking I enjoy living on my own, but _____ **times** I miss having someone to talk to.

12 If you have any _____ **time** this afternoon, could you possibly help me to draft the report?

13 I'm not in a hurry for an answer so you can _____ **your time** and think it over for a while.

14 I couldn't answer the last question because I _____ **of time**.

15 My stepfather's _____ **me a** _____ **time** because he thinks I'm going out too much.

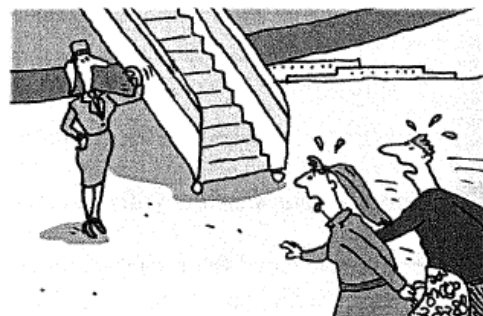
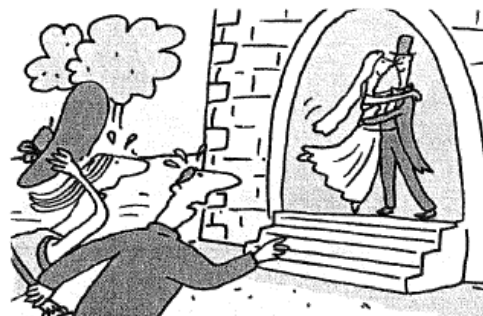
16 _____ **time last year** we were in the middle of moving house.

17 We thought we were going to miss our connecting flight, but we made it **just** _____ **time**.

18 Don't _____ **your time** trying to convince him. He'll never change his mind.

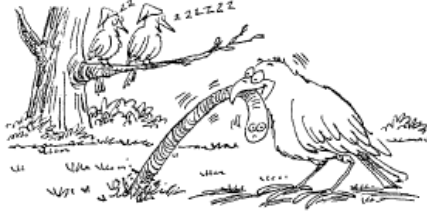
19 They're always arguing. It's only a _____ **of time** before they split up.

20 OK, **time's** _____! Stop writing now.



Read the proverbs, which are all related to time. Discuss with a partner what you think they mean. Are there any similar proverbs in your language?

1 The early bird catches the worm.



6 You can't teach an old dog new tricks.



2 A stitch in time saves nine.



7 Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.



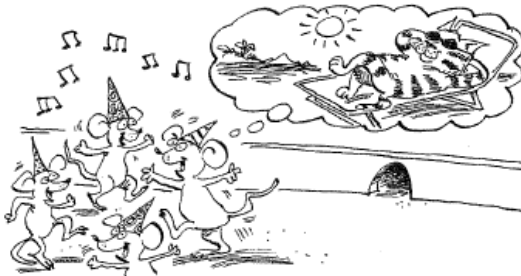
3 Make hay while the sun shines.



8 A watched pot never boils.



4 When the cat's away the mice will play.



9 We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.



5 It's no use crying over spilt milk.



10 Strike while the iron is hot.



Vocabulary Bank time

Verbs with *time*

- give sb a hard time *idm* /gɪv ə hɑ:d taɪm/ _____
- have the time of your life *idm* /hæv ðə taɪm ɒv jɔ:(r) laɪf/ _____
- kill time *idm* /kɪl taɪm/ _____
- make up for lost time *idm* /meɪk ʌp fɔ:(r) lɒst taɪm/ _____
- run out of time *vp* /rʌn aʊt ɒv taɪm/ _____
- save time *vp* /seɪv taɪm/ _____
- spare the time *vp* /speə(r) ðə taɪm/ _____
- take a long time *vp* /teɪk ə lɒŋ taɪm/ _____
- take up all your time *vp* /teɪk ʌp ɔ:l jɔ:(r) taɪm/ _____
- take your time *idm* /teɪk jɔ:(r) taɪm/ _____
- waste time *vp* /weɪst taɪm/ _____

Prepositional phrases with *time*

- at the time *prep phr* /æt ðə taɪm/ _____
- at times *prep phr* /æt taɪmz/ _____
- before my time *prep phr* /bɪ'fɔ:(r) maɪ taɪm/ _____
- by the time *prep phr* /baɪ ðə taɪm/ _____
- from time to time *prep phr* /frɒm taɪm tə taɪm/ _____
- in (four days') time *prep phr* /ɪn (fɔ:(r) deɪz) taɪm/ _____
- in time for *prep phr* /ɪn taɪm fɔ:(r)/ _____
- on time *prep phr* /ɒn taɪm/ _____
- time off *prep phr* /'taɪm 'ɒf/ _____

Expressions with *time*

- a long time ago *np* /ə lɒŋ taɪm ə'gəʊ/ _____
- a question of time *np* /ə 'kwɛstʃən ɒv taɪm/ _____
- for the time being *idm* /fɔ:(r) ðə taɪm 'bi:ɪŋ/ _____
- not much time left *np* /nɒt mʌtʃ taɪm left/ _____
- pushed for time *idm* /pʊʃt fɔ:(r) taɪm/ _____
- short of time *NP* /ʃɔ:t ɒv taɪm/ _____
- the whole time *np* /ðə həʊl taɪm/ _____
- this time next week *np* /ðɪs taɪm nekst wi:k/ _____
- time on my hands *idm* /taɪm ɒn maɪ hændz/ _____
- time's up *idm* /taɪmz ʌp/ _____
- with time to spare *idm* /wɪð taɪm tə speə(r)/ _____

Lexis in context

blizzard *n* /'blɪzəd/

catch up with *phr v* /kætʃ ʌp wɪð/

clog *v* /kɒg/

cope *v* /kəʊp/

engrossed *adj* /ɪn'grəʊst/

frenzy *n* /'frenzi/

gadget *n* /'gædʒɪt/

juggle *v* /'dʒʌgl/

overcome *v* /,əʊvə'kʌm/

peak *n* /pi:k/
