

How to Tell Time in French?

Worksheet

In French, you say 'Il est + number + heure(s)' for the hour. Minutes are added: 'Il est trois heures vingt' (3:20) or 'Il est quatre heures moins dix' (3:50).

Questions

1. What does 'Il est' mean?
A) It is
B) He is
C) This is
D) There is
2. How do you say 9:15 in French?
A) Il est neuf heures et demi
B) Il est neuf heures et quart
C) Il est dix heures moins quart
D) Il est huit heures et quart
3. What does 'et demie' mean?
A) minus quarter
B) and quarter
C) and half
D) minus half
4. How do you express 11:50 in French?
A) Il est onze heures cinquante
B) Il est midi moins dix
C) Il est douze heures moins dix
D) Il est onze heures moins dix
5. It is 2:00 PM. How do you say this in French?
6. It is 7:30. Express in French.
7. It is 4:45. How is this said in French?
8. Define: Il est trois heures.
9. Define: Il est quatre heures et demie.
10. Define: Il est six heures moins le quart.

Answer Key

1. A) It is — 'Il est' literally means 'It is' in French time expressions.
2. B) Il est neuf heures et quart — $9:15 = 9 \text{ hours and } 15 \text{ minutes} = \text{et quart (quarter past)}$.
3. C) and half — 'Et demie' means 'and half', used for times ending in :30.
4. C) Il est douze heures moins dix — $11:50 = 12 \text{ o'clock minus } 10 \text{ minutes} = \text{douze heures moins dix}$.
5. $2:00 = 2 \text{ heures}$ Answer: Il est deux heures (de l'après-midi).
6. $7:30 = 7 \text{ hours and } 30 \text{ minutes}$ Answer: Il est sept heures et demie.
7. $4:45 = 5 \text{ hours minus } 15 \text{ minutes (moins le quart)}$ Answer: Il est cinq heures moins le quart.
8. It is 3 o'clock.
9. It is 4:30.
10. It is 5:45.

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