

# Time Idioms

## Meaning Cards



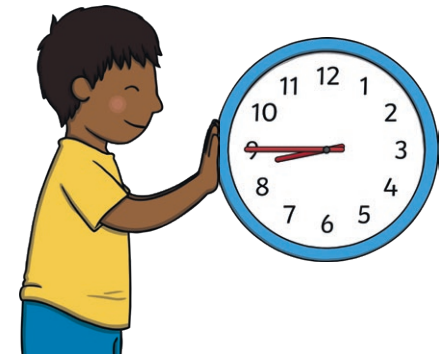
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### Against the Clock

**Meaning:** In a hurry to get something done.

**Examples:** Ash was against the clock to get his essay completed in time.

Justin was against the clock to get to the post office before 1pm.



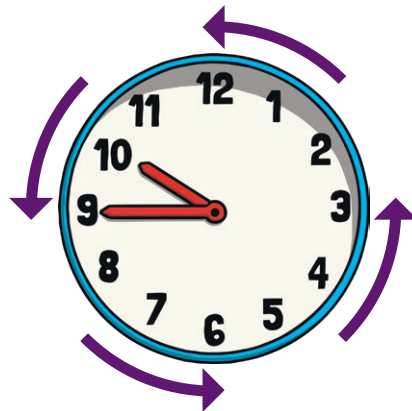
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### Around the Clock

**Meaning:** All day and all night.

**Examples:** Leo worked around the clock to complete his assignment.

The new supermarket is open around the clock.



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### Call it a Day

**Meaning:** To stop what you have been doing for the rest of the day.

**Examples:** Let's call it a day on this assignment and start in the morning.

We've been planning all morning, let's call it a day for now.

Let's call it a day as I'm done.

## Spur of the Moment

**Meaning:** On impulse/  
without prior planning.

**Examples:** On the spur of the moment we decided to eat out.

On the spur of the moment we went to the cinema.



## Time Flies

**Meaning:** Time passes very quickly.

**Examples:** I can't believe Rubeen is four already!  
How time flies!

It's 10pm already! How time flies!



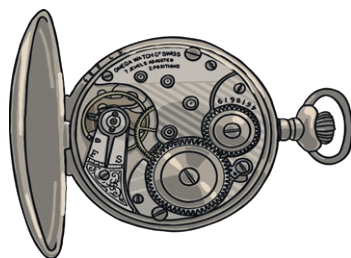
## Like Clockwork

**Meaning:** 1) Something that happens regularly.

2) Without problems.

**Examples:** Jacob visited his Gran every day at 5pm like clockwork.

The school performance went ahead like clockwork.



## Make Good time

**Meaning:** To go at a fast reasonable rate.

**Examples:** We made good time driving to London in only two hours.

It only took three hours to get to Sheffield - we made good time.

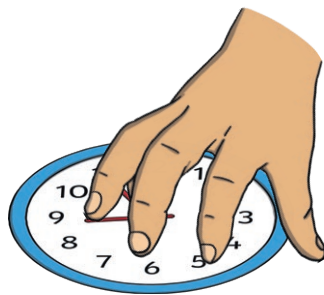


## Pressed for Time

**Meaning:** In a hurry.

**Examples:** I wish I could help, but I'm pressed for time.

Dr Ravin is really busy and pressed for time right now, why don't you call again tomorrow?

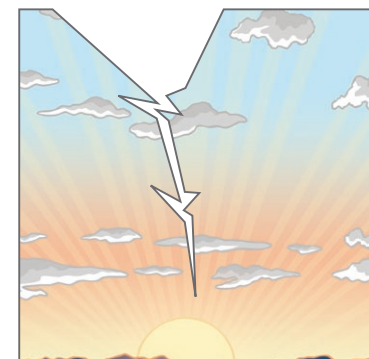


## At the Crack of Dawn

**Meaning:** Very early in the morning.

**Examples:** Chloe went swimming at the crack of dawn this morning! She must have got up at 5 am!

I'm feeling tired today - I was up at the crack of dawn.



## Not for a Month of Sundays

**Meaning:** Something that is unlikely to happen.

**Examples:** Ruth will never finish her essay in time, not in a month of Sundays.

He'll never move to Australia, not in a month of Sundays.

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