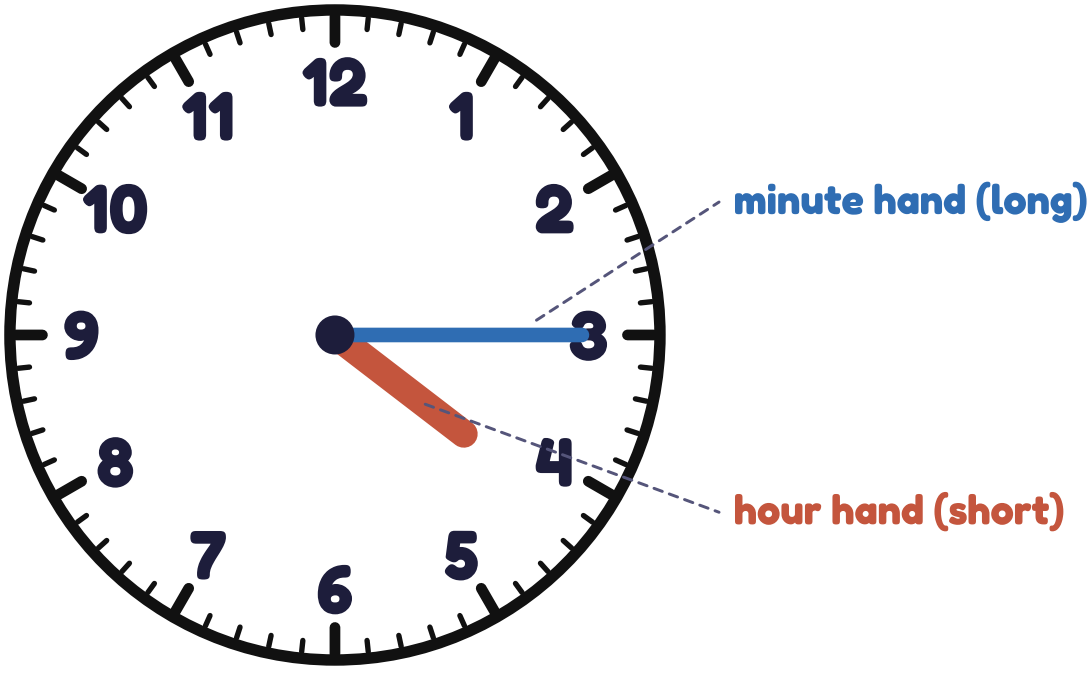
# How to read a clock

Short hand first, then the long hand.




### 1. Find the short hour hand.

It has just gone past 4, so the hour is 4. If it sits between two numbers, the hour is the one it has passed.

### 2. Find the long minute hand.

Count in fives from the 12 to where it points: 5, 10, 15. That is 15 minutes.

### 3. Say the time.

Quarter past four (UK, Australia, New Zealand) or four fifteen (US). A digital clock shows 4:15.

**Watch out: between 12 and 1 the hour is 12.**

After half past, the short hand is closer to the next number, but the hour has not changed yet.