

Time can be measured by a range of instruments. The first instrument for measuring the passage of time, the sundial, goes back at least 3 000 years. Units of time can be as short as a nano- or millisecond or as long as a year. The concept of time is, however, not that simplistic once relativity is considered, then even time travel becomes a topic of discussion.



ten to six, quarter past ten, twelve o'clock, half past three, quarter to six, twenty past eight

daytime		night time	
dawn	day	afternoon	evening
daybreak	noon	dusk	night
early sunrise	midday	sunset	midnight
early morning		sundown	
morning			

after minutes second tonight all day when
 then chronological daily always often soon

Keeping track of time has been a human activity as long as can be remembered. At first the change of seasons were noted and even predicted with surprising accuracy. A system based on the moon cycles and the movements of several different stars and planets were developed by most civilisations. The oldest calendar is probably that of the Egyptians dating back to around 4200BC. Today we use the Gregorian calendar introduced in 1582. The 365 days in a normal year differs from the actual solar year by a quarter of a day hence the need for an extra day in a leap year, every four years.

last month, June, next month, week, year, month, days of the week, last week, this week, next week, weekend, yesterday, today, tomorrow, past, present, future, public holiday

August 2016	Months of the year	October 2016				
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat	January May September February June October March July November April August December	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat				
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2016 2015 = last year 2017 = next year September						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
	yesterday	today	tomorrow			
	past	present	future			public holiday

date fortnight centenary century decade
 yearly leap year millenium new year then
 frequent annual weekly never when