

Expressions with time

1 VERBS

a Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

give have kill make up for play for run out of
save spare spend take (x2) take up waste

- 1 I **waste** a lot of time playing games and messaging on my computer instead of studying.
- 2 If you take the motorway, you'll **save** time – it's much quicker than the local roads.
- 3 I had three hours to wait for my flight, so I sat there doing sudoku puzzles to **kill** time.
- 4 There's no hurry, so **spare** your time.
- 5 When my mother was young, she never had the chance to travel. Now she's retired and wants to **make up for** lost time, so she's booked a trip around the world.
- 6 The novel is 700 pages long and I'm a slow reader. It's going to **take** me a long time to finish it.
- 7 I'd better go home now. If I'm late again, Dad will **kill** me a hard time.
- 8 I would like to go camping this weekend, but my final exams are next week, so I can't **spare** the time.
- 9 My children **take** all my time – I never seem to get to read a book or watch a film!
- 10 New York's such a fantastic city! You're going to **have** the time of your life there.
- 11 Let's not **spend** too long at the museum or we'll **waste** time.
- 12 They want us to sign the contract today, but I'm not sure about it. I think we should **make** time.

b ④ 5.4 Listen and check.

2 PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

a Complete the **Prepositions** column with the prepositions from the list.

at (x3) before behind by from (x2) in (x2) off
on to (x2)

Prepositions

1 I'm really punctual, so I hate it when other people aren't on time.	on
2 I've never heard of that singer. He must have been off my time.	off
3 At the time we got to our hotel, it was nearly midnight.	at
4 I missed the birth of my first child. I was on a plane in the time.	in
5 She's been working too hard recently. She needs some time .	time



VOCABULARY BANK

- 6 If we don't take a taxi, we won't get to the airport **in** time for the flight.
- 7 I don't eat out very often, but I do get a takeaway **on** time **in** time.
- 8 He suffers from back pain and it makes him a little irritable **times**.
- 9 You can come **any** time **at** 10.00 **until** 2.00.
- 10 My dad's a bit **on** the times – he still thinks men should wear a suit and tie at work.
- 11 Don't try to multitask. Just do **one** thing **at** a time.
- 12 I thought it would take ages, but in fact I finished it **in** no time.

b ④ 5.5 Listen and check.

3 EXPRESSIONS

a Match sentences 1–12 to A–L.

1 I The referee's looking at his watch.	1
2 He hardly spoke to me at lunch.	2
3 I'm really looking forward to my holiday.	3
4 I'm sorry, I can't help you this week.	4
5 I can't afford a new car.	5
6 She's sure to find a job eventually.	6
7 I think I need to take up a hobby.	7
8 Stop writing, please.	8
9 I really thought I was going to be late.	9
10 Why not spend a morning at our spa?	10
11 I hate having to fill in my tax return.	11
12 You've had that computer for ages.	12

A But in the end I got to the airport with time to spare.	A
B He spent the whole time talking on his phone.	B
C Time's up. The exam is over.	C
D I'm a little short of time.	D
E I've got time on my hands since I retired.	E
F I'll have to carry on with this one for the time being.	F
G It's only a matter of time.	G
H It's very popular with people who want a bit of me time.	H
I There isn't much time left.	I
J This time next week I'll be lying on the beach.	J
K It's about time you got a new one.	K
L It's incredibly tedious and time-consuming .	L

b ④ 5.6 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Choose six of the **bold** time expressions and write a synonym or a phrase with the same meaning, e.g. **save time** = **spend less time**, **on time** = **punctual**.

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