

UNIT 6 A

VOCABULARY: EXPRESSIONS WITH TIME

1 6.1 Match the words in **bold** 1–14 with their definitions a–n. Listen and check.

WHAT'S YOUR BAD HABIT?



¹From **time to time**, I get really nervous and bite my nails during tests. What can I do? (Luke, London)

I have cheese twice a day, for both breakfast and dinner. It's ²only a **matter of time** before my cholesterol goes up. (Emily, Manchester)

I ³waste a lot of **time** reading readers' comments when I read the newspaper online. I don't know why! (Tomiko, New York)

I never seem to finish my exams because I keep going over my answers. Maybe if I ⁴time myself while taking practice exams it will help. (Roberta, Toronto)

I always eat too quickly! My mother was always saying, "⁵Take your time. Where's the fire?" (Mike, Boston)

I like to ⁶pass the **time** just looking out the window. I know I should be doing my homework, instead! (Peter, Seattle)

I'm almost never ⁷on **time** in the morning. And so I'm never ⁸in **time for** my first class! (Maria, Puerto Rico)

I'm always telling my sister to run so we can get to the bus stop ⁹in **no time**. And then, of course, we wait and wait while I tell her the bus is coming ¹⁰any **time now**. (Julie, San Francisco)

¹¹For **some time**, I've been playing computer games every night until two or three in the morning. I always feel exhausted when I'm at work! (Tom, Melbourne)

When I was a teenager I always used to listen to rap music. ¹²At **the time**, it really got on my dad's nerves. (Matt, Oxford)

My husband says I never ¹³make **time** for him. I suppose I should go to the soccer game with him occasionally. (Sara, Madrid)

Our city has been demolishing old movie theaters ¹⁴one **at a time**. It's so sad. (Joe, Sydney)

- a don't hurry _____
- b occasionally _____
- c for quite a long period of time _____
- d very soon _____
- e early enough for something _____
- f certain to happen at some point in the near future _____
- g fast _____

- h in those days _____
- i on schedule _____
- j don't use time well _____
- k spend time _____
- l one by one _____
- m measure how long I take to do something _____
- n reorganize your time for something/someone _____