Time Idioms

Match the first part of each sentence on the left with its second part on the right, using the idioms in **bold** to help you.

1. We've got a lot to do today. I'm afraid we'll be **racing**…

2. I'm very busy at the moment, but I'll try to **make**…

3. **Once upon**…

4. Don is a really nice man. I **have a lot of**…

5. Susanna is so old-fashioned. She seems to be **living in a**…

6. I would love a holiday, but I never seem to **find**…

7. We thought we would be late, but we arrived **with**…

8. Shall we start now? After all, **there's no**…

9. At last, here comes our bus. **About**…

10. Chris is sometimes late, but **nine**…

11. We really need to hurry. There's **no**…

12. I don't want to make a decision now; I'll decide **when**…

13. I don't know if we will be successful; **only**…

14. I must have told you…

15. I'm not really watching this film; I'm just **killing**…

16. If the company is going to compete successfully, we will need to **move with**…

17. I've never had Japanese food before, but **there's a first**…

18. I don't believe it. It's already 4 o'clock. **Doesn't**…

19. If we don't win this time, we will the **second**…

20. Picasso was a remarkable artist who was years **ahead of**…

21. Winters here are generally cold and grey, but **from**…

22. I'm thinking of changing jobs in the future, but I'll continue working here **for the**…

23. This isn't a sudden decision. I've been thinking of moving **for some**…

24. I would love to stop for a chat, but I'm a bit **pressed**…

25. My students just aren't interested in their lessons. They don't even listen to me **half**…

(a) … **time warp**.

(b) … **times out of ten** she's punctual.

(c) … **time for everything**, I suppose.

(d) … **the time comes**.

(e) … **time**, too.

(f) … **the time**.

(g) … **for time**.

(h) … **time being**.

(i) … **time to time** it can be glorious.

(j) … **time fly when you're having fun**!

(k) … **time will tell**.

(l) … **the times**.

(m) … **time now**.

(n) … **time around**.

(o) … **his time**.

(p) … **against time** to get everything finished.

(q) … **time to spare**.

(r) … **time for** him.

(s) … **time and time again** to arrive earlier.

(t) … **time** until my friends arrive.

(u) … **the time** to see you later.

(v) … **time to lose**.

(w) … **a time** there lived a handsome prince.

(x) … **the time** for one.

(y) … **time like the present**.

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