

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 be 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**.