

Time idioms

A. Match the sentence halves together that use expressions and idioms with the word **time**.

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| 1. If I don't hand in my homework | a. we work overtime . |
| 2. I was nearly late but luckily I got there | b. a waste of time . |
| 3. We get paid extra if | c. to save time . |
| 4. Playing video games is | d. in the nick of time . |
| 5. I play games on my phone if | e. can take your time . |
| 6. I don't eat meat but I eat | f. I have time to kill . |
| 7. I cooked the potatoes in the microwave in order | g. there in no time . |
| 8. There's no need to hurry, you | h. so I took some time off . |
| 9. There isn't much traffic. We'll get | i. on time , my teacher gets angry. |
| 10. My aunt came to visit from Rome | j. fish from time to time . |
| 11. The party was amazing! I had | k. cooking is so time consuming . |
| 12. I eat a lot of takeaways because | l. a whale of a time . |

B. Match the time expressions and idioms with their correct definitions.

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| 1. Overtime | a. In barely enough time. |
| 2. A waste of time | b. Have too much time. |
| 3. Save time | c. Time away from work. |
| 4. In the nick of time | d. Punctual. |
| 5. Take your time | e. Extra time spent at work. |
| 6. Have time to kill | f. A really good time. |
| 7. In no time | g. A bad use of time. |
| 8. Time off | h. Takes a long time. |
| 9. On time | i. Occasionally. |
| 10. From time to time | j. Don't hurry. |
| 11. Time consuming | k. In very little time. |
| 12. A whale of a time | l. To give yourself more time. |

C. Complete each sentence with a suitable time expression or idiom from the previous page.

1. I got to school If I'd arrived a minute later, I would have been late.
2. The restaurant is really close. We'll get there
3. I really need to take some I haven't had a holiday in ages.
4. I always arrive I think it's rude to keep people waiting.
5. You don't need to rush. The film doesn't start for an hour so
6. I wonder what my life would be like if I hadn't had kids.
7. Commuting to work is so I wish I could work from home.
8. My plane was delayed so I had lots of at the airport.
9. I earned more than usual last month because I did a lot of
10. Standing in a queue is a complete
11. My holiday was brilliant. I had
12. I caught a taxi to the meeting in order to

