time

1 VERBS WITH *TIME*

Complete the sentences with the right verb from the list.

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

1 I _____ **a lot of time** playing games on my computer instead of studying.
2 If you take the highway, you'll _____ **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 _____ **time**.
4 There's no hurry, so _____ **your time**.
5 When my mother was young she never had the chance to travel. Now she's retired and wants to _____ **lost time** — she has booked a trip around the world.
6 The novel is 700 pages long and I'm a slow reader. It's going to _____ **me a long time** to finish it.
7 I'd better go home now. If I'm late again, my dad will _____ **me a hard time**.
8 I would like to go camping with my friends this weekend, but my final tests are next week, so I can't _____ **the time**.
9 My children _____ **all my time** — I never seem to get to read a book or watch a movie!
10 New York's such a fantastic city! You're going to _____ **the time of your life** there.
11 Let's not spend too long at the museum or we'll _____ **time**. We have to get the train back at 10:30 and there are lots of other things I want to see.

2 PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES WITH *TIME*

Complete the prepositions column with a preposition from the list.

at (x2) before by for from in off on to

Prepositions

1 I'm really punctual, so I hate it when other people aren't ___ **time**. _____
2 I've never heard of that singer. He must have been ___ **my time**. _____
3 ___ **the time** we got to our hotel, it was nearly midnight. _____
4 I missed the birth of my first child. I was on a plane ___ **the time**. _____
5 He's been working too hard recently. He needs some **time** ___. _____
6 If we don't take a taxi, we won't get to the airport ___ **time** ___ the flight. _____ _____
7 I don't eat out very often, but I do get takeout ___ **time** ___ **time**. _____ _____
8 He suffers from back pain, and it makes him a little irritable ___ **times**. _____

3 EXPRESSIONS WITH *TIME*

Match sentences 1–10 with A–J.

1 The referee's looking at his watch.
2 He hardly spoke to me at lunch.
3 I'm really looking forward to my vacation.
4 I'm sorry, I can't help you this week.
5 I can't afford a new computer.
6 She's sure to find a job eventually.
7 I think I need to take up a hobby.
8 Stop writing, please.
9 I really thought I was going to be late.
10 You look very young in that photo.

A But in the end I got to the airport **with time to spare**.
B He spent **the whole time** talking on his cell phone.
C **Time's up.** The test is over.
D **I'm** a little **short on time**.
E **I've got time on my hands** since I retired.
F I'll have to make do with this one **for the time being**.
G It's only **a question of time**.
H It must have been taken **a long time ago**.
I **There isn't much time left**.
J **This time next week** I'll be lying on the beach.

Can you remember the expressions on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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