

### 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 take (x2) take up waste

- I                    a lot of time playing solitaire on my computer instead of studying.
- If you go on the motorway, you'll                    time – it's much quicker than going on the country roads.
- I had three hours to wait for my flight, so I sat there doing *sudoku* puzzles to                    time.
- There's no hurry so                    your time.
- When my mother was young she never had the chance to travel. Now she has retired she wants to                    lost time and she has booked a round-the-world tour.
- The novel is 700 pages long and I'm a slow reader. It's going to                    me a long time to finish it.
- I'd better go home now. If I'm late again, my dad will                    me a hard time.
- I would like to go camping with my friends this weekend but my exams are next week so I can't                    the time.
- My children                    all my time – I never seem to get to read a book or watch a film!
- New York's such a fantastic city! You're going to                    the time of your life there.
- Don't let's 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 (x2) off on to

- I'm really punctual, so I hate it when other people aren't                    time.
- I've never heard of that singer. He must have been                    my time.
- the time we got to our hotel, it was nearly midnight.
- I'm very excited. I'm going to New Zealand                    four days' time.
- I missed the birth of my first child. I was on a plane                    the time.
- He's been working too hard recently. He needs some time                   .
- If we don't take a taxi, we won't get to the airport                    time                    the flight.
- I don't eat out very often, but I do get a takeaway                    time                    time.
- He suffers from back pain and it makes him a bit irritable                    times.

#### Prepositions



### 3 Expressions with *time*

Match sentences 1–10 with A–J.

- The referee's looking at his watch.
- He hardly spoke to me at lunch.
- I'm really looking forward to my holidays.
- I'm sorry, I can't help you this week.
- I can't afford a new computer.
- She's sure to find a job in the end.
- I think I need to take up a hobby.
- Stop writing, please.
- I really thought I was going to be late.
- You look very young in that photo.

- But in the end I got to the airport **with time to spare**.
- He spent the **whole time** talking on his mobile.
- Time's up.** The exam is over.
- I'm a bit **short of time** (*inf pushed for time*).
- I've got **time on my hands** since I retired.
- I'll have to carry on with this one **for the time being**.
- It's only a **question of time**.
- It must have been taken a **long time ago**.
- There isn't much time left.**
- This time next week** I'll be lying on the beach.