



Son las diez menos veinte.



Es la una menos siete.

How do you express time before the hour? _____



Unlike English, Spanish does not have an equivalent for the expression *o'clock*. Instead, it uses the definite article and a number (**la una, las dos**, etc.). **Es la** is used for one o'clock and its divisions (**Es la una**). For all other time expressions, use **Son las** (**Son las siete**).

To express time **AFTER** the hour, up until and including half-past, use **y** and add the number of minutes (**Son las siete y cinco**).

After half-past, to express time **BEFORE** the next hour, use **menos** and subtract the number of minutes from that next hour (**Son las nueve menos cinco**).

How would you express these times?

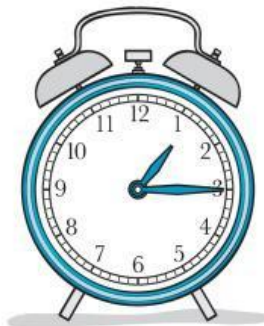






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Now study these:



Es la una y cuarto.



Es la una menos cuarto.



Son las cinco y cuarto.



Son las cinco menos cuarto.

What is the special word for "a quarter"? _____

How do you say "a quarter after"? _____

How do you say "a quarter to"? _____

How would you express the following times?













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Now study these:



Son las cinco y media.



Es la una y media.

What is the special word for "half past"? _____

How do you express "half past the hour"? _____

Express the following times.











The Spanish word for *quarter* is **cuarto**. A *quarter after* is expressed ... **y cuarto**. A *quarter to* is expressed ... **menos cuarto**.

The word for *half* is **media**. *Half past the hour* is expressed ... **y media**.