



How To Tell Time In Traditional Chinese

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Word / Phrase	Pinyin	Type	Meaning	Example	Example Pinyin	Translation
幾點	ji dian	question	what time	現在幾點?	xian zai ji dian	What time is it now?
點	dian	time unit	o'clock or hour	三點了。	san dian le	It is three o'clock.
分	fen	time unit	minute	現在是八點十分。	xian zai shi ba dian shi fen	It is 8:10 now.
刻	ke	time unit	quarter of an hour	三點一刻見。	san dian yi ke jian	See you at 3:15.
半	ban	time unit	half past	我們六點半吃飯。	wo men liu dian ban chi fan	We eat at 6:30.
整	zheng	time word	exactly on the hour	九點整開始。	jiu dian zheng kai shi	It starts exactly at nine.
上午	shang wu	time period	morning before noon	課在上午十點。	ke zai shang wu shi dian	The class is at 10 in the morning.
中午	zhong wu	time period	noon	我們中午十二點見。	wo men zhong wu shi er dian jian	Let's meet at noon.
下午	xia wu	time period	afternoon	醫生下午兩點看診。	yi sheng xia wu liang dian kan zhen	The doctor sees patients at 2 in the afternoon.
晚上	wan shang	time period	evening	晚上八點有電影。	wan shang ba dian you dian ying	There is a movie at 8 in the evening.
凌晨	ling chen	time period	very early morning	飛機凌晨四點起飛。	fei ji ling chen si dian qi fei	The plane takes off at 4 a.m.
一點	yi dian	clock time	one o'clock	我們一點開會。	wo men yi dian kai hui	We have a meeting at one.
兩點	liang dian	clock time	two o'clock	車兩點到站。	che liang dian dao zhan	The train arrives at two.
三點	san dian	clock time	three o'clock	下午三點方便嗎?	xia wu san dian fang bian ma	Is 3 p.m. convenient?
四點	si dian	clock time	four o'clock	四點下課。	si dian xia ke	Class ends at four.
五點	wu dian	clock time	five o'clock	我五點下班。	wo wu dian xia ban	I get off work at five.
六點半	liu dian ban	clock time	six thirty	早餐六點半開始。	zao can liu dian ban kai shi	Breakfast starts at 6:30.
七點一刻	qi dian yi ke	clock time	seven fifteen	我們七點一刻出門。	wo men qi dian yi ke chu men	We leave at 7:15.
八點三十分	ba dian san shi fen	clock time	eight thirty	火車八點三十分發車。	huo che ba dian san shi fen fa che	The train leaves at 8:30.

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九點四十五分	jiu dian si shi wu fen	clock time	nine forty-five	考試九點四十五分開始。	kao shi jiu dian si shi wu fen kai shi	The exam starts at 9:45.
十點差五分	shi dian cha wu fen	clock time	five to ten	現在十點差五分。	xian zai shi dian cha wu fen	It is five to ten now.
大概	da gai	time word	about or approximately	我們大概七點到。	wo men da gai qi dian dao	We will arrive at about seven.
準時	zhun shi	time word	on time	請準時到。	qing zhun shi dao	Please arrive on time.
遲到	chi dao	time word	to be late	他今天遲到了。	ta jin tian chi dao le	He was late today.
早到	zao dao	time word	to arrive early	我習慣早到十分鐘。	wo xi guan zao dao shi fen zhong	I usually arrive ten minutes early.