



MINI-LESSON 5: NUMBERS, DATES, AND TIME

Objective

Learn how to say and write **numbers**, **dates**, and **time** in English.

Numbers

► Cardinal Numbers (for quantity)

1 – one
2 – two
3 – three
4 – four
5 – five

10 – ten
20 – twenty
30 – thirty
100 – one hundred
1,000 – one thousand

Examples:

- I have **three** dogs.
- She is **twenty** years old.

► Ordinal Numbers (for order)

1st – first
2nd – second
3rd – third
4th – fourth

5th – fifth
10th – tenth
21st – twenty-first
100th – one hundredth

Examples:

- Today is **my first day**.
- He lives on the **fifth floor**.



Dates

► How to Say the Date

Month + ordinal number (+ year)

Examples:

- April 22nd
- July 4th, 1776
- December 25th

Spoken: "April twenty-second"

Written: April 22, 2025 / 22 April 2025 (UK)

Common Mistake:

Today is 22

Today is the 22nd of April or April 22nd

Time

► How to Say the Time

Use "o'clock", past, or to:

Time	How to Say It
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3:00 It's **three o'clock**

3:15 It's **quarter past three**

3:30 It's **half past three**

3:45 It's **quarter to four**

3:10 It's **ten past three**

3:50 It's **ten to four**

Tip:

- Use "**past**" for 1–30 minutes
- Use "**to**" for 31–59 minutes

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When we use “past” and “to,” we always use 5-minute intervals.

- Say twenty past three (not twenty-one past three)
- Say ten to one (not eleven to one)

You can also say:

- It's 3:15 → **“Three fifteen”**
- It's 6:45 → **“Six forty-five”**
- It's 7:27 → **“Seven twenty-seven”**

⌚ **AM** (morning) / **PM** (afternoon/evening)

- 7:00 AM = morning
- 7:00 PM = evening

💬 Mini Dialogue

A: What time is it?

B: It's half past eight.

A: Thanks! What's the date today?

B: It's April 22nd.

✓ Practice: Fill in the Blanks

1. Today is _____ (April 5).
2. The time is _____ (3:45).
3. My birthday is _____ (July 1).
4. I wake up at _____ (6:30 AM).
5. My English class is at _____ (2:15 PM).

(Answers: 1. April 5th / the fifth of April, 2. quarter to four, 3. July 1st / the first of July, 4. six thirty AM, 5. quarter past two PM)

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Try It Yourself

1. Write today's date: _____
2. Write the current time: _____
3. Write your birthday (month + day): _____

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