Maths: Measuring Time in Simple Ways



Home Learning Challenges



Play a game of hide and seek. When you are counting, whilst other people hide, try counting slowly to 10 or 20. Does this give the others enough time to hide? How could you give the others more or less time?

When you brush your teeth, try different ways of timing 2 minutes. You could use a sand timer, a stopwatch, a kitchen timer or ask a grown-up to help you to use a clock.

Find a simple jigsaw puzzle to do. Use a clock or timer to see how long it takes you to complete the puzzle. Then, break the puzzle up and try again. Can you complete the puzzle more quickly on the second try?

Ask a grown-up to help you to make a simple recipe. You could make some cakes, biscuits, jelly or ice lollies. Once you've finished, you will need ask the grown-up to put the food in the oven, freezer or fridge. Use a timer to measure the time that it takes for your food to bake, freeze or cool. You could use a noisy kitchen timer to help measure the time until your food is ready!

Look around your house and see how many different ways of measuring time, you can find. Can you find a clock? ...a watch? ...a timer? ...a sand timer? ...a stopwatch? What are these things used for? What numbers can you see? Take some photos or draw a picture of some different ways to measure time.

Challenge a friend or grown-up to a 1-minute challenge! Use a stopwatch (a grown-up might have one on their phone), sand timer or clock to time 1 minute. See how many jumps, stretches, star jumps, hops or other actions each person can do before the time runs out. Who can do the most?



