



Numbers, Dates and Telling the Time — A1 exercises

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 23

A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. How do you write the number 45 in words?
A) forty-five B) fourty five C) forty five's D) four-ty-five
2. How is 6:15 usually said?
A) quarter past six B) quarter to six C) six and quarter D) fifteen to six
3. How is 7:45 usually said?
A) quarter past seven B) quarter to seven C) quarter to eight D) three quarters seven
4. How is 1985 said aloud?
A) one thousand nine hundred eighty-five B) nineteen hundred eighty-five
C) nineteen eighty-five D) one nine eight five year
5. How is 2007 usually said?
A) twenty oh seven B) twenty seven C) two thousand and seven D) two oh oh seven
6. How is 3 May said in British English?
A) the three of May B) May the three C) three May D) the third of May
7. Which sentence gives an age correctly?
A) I have twenty-five years. B) I am twenty-five years.
C) I have twenty-five old. D) I am twenty-five years old.
8. How is 6:30 said?
A) half six B) half to seven C) thirty past six only D) half past six
9. What is the ordinal form of 12?
A) twelfth B) twelveth C) twelfth D) twelvth
10. How do you say 120 in British English?
A) one hundred twenty B) a hundred and twenty
C) hundred twenty D) one-hundred hundred

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. It is a quarter _____ nine. (8:45)
2. It is a quarter _____ nine. (9:15)

3. The meeting is _____ the twelfth of March.
4. My grandfather was born _____ 1946.
5. The film starts _____ half past eight.
6. She is twenty-_____ years old. (5)
7. Her birthday is on the _____ of July. (3)
8. It is _____ past six. (6:30)

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. twenty-five / am / old. / I / years

State your age with the correct verb.

2. half / past / starts / eight. / The / at / film

Give the time of a screening.

3. the / is / May. / birthday / of / on / My / third

Give a date in the British spoken form.

4. in / ninety-eight. / was / nineteen / She / born

Say a year using the two-half reading.

5. quarter / is / seven. / It / a / to

Tell the time when it is 6:45.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **A) forty-five** — Tens and units are joined by a hyphen, and forty has no u.
2. **A) quarter past six** — Up to the half hour English uses past, counting from the hour that has just gone.
3. **C) quarter to eight** — After the half hour English counts down to the NEXT hour, so 7:45 is quarter to eight.
4. **C) nineteen eighty-five** — Years up to 1999 split into two halves: nineteen, then eighty-five.
5. **C) two thousand and seven** — The years 2000 to 2009 use thousand: two thousand and seven.
6. **D) the third of May** — British dates use the ordinal with the and of: the third of May.
7. **D) I am twenty-five years old.** — English states age with be, and the compound number takes a hyphen.
8. **D) half past six** — Half past six is the standard form; half six is informal British speech only.
9. **C) twelfth** — Twelfth is spelled with an f, replacing the ve of twelve.
10. **B) a hundred and twenty** — British English puts and between the hundreds and the rest.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **to** — After the half hour English counts down towards the next hour.
2. **past** — Up to the half hour English counts forwards from the hour that has gone.
3. **on** — Days and dates take on; months and years take in.
4. **in** — Years take in, and the year itself is a plain number.
5. **at** — Clock times take at.
6. **five** — Tens and units are joined by a hyphen: twenty-five.
7. **third** — Dates use ordinal numbers, and third is one of the irregular ones.
8. **half** — Half past six is the standard form; dropping past is informal British speech only.

C. Sentence building

1. **I am twenty-five years old.**
2. **The film starts at half past eight.**
3. **My birthday is on the third of May.**
4. **She was born in nineteen ninety-eight.**
5. **It is a quarter to seven.**