

Telling Time In French

What time is it?	<u>Quelle heure est-il ?</u>	
It's one o'clock	<u>Il est une heure</u>	1h00
It's two o'clock	<u>Il est deux heures</u>	2h00
It's 3:30	Il est trois heures <u>et demie</u> Il est trois heures trente	3h30
It's 4:15	Il est quatre heures <u>et quart</u> Il est quatre heures quinze	4h15
It's 4:45	Il est cinq heures <u>moins le quart</u> Il est cinq heures moins quinze Il est quatre heures quarante-cinq	4h45
It's 5:10	Il est cinq heures dix	5h10
It's 6:50	Il est sept heures moins dix Il est six heures cinquante	6h50
It's 7am	Il est sept heures <u>du matin</u>	7h00
It's 3pm	Il est trois heures <u>de l'après-midi</u> Il est quinze heures	15h00
It's 6pm	Il est six heures <u>du soir</u> Il est dix-huit heures	18h00
It's noon	Il est <u>midi</u>	12h00
It's midnight	Il est <u>minuit</u>	0h00

Notes

French doesn't have words for "a.m." and "p.m." You can use *du matin* for a.m., *de l'après-midi* from noon until 6p.m., and *du soir* from 6p.m. until midnight, but time is usually expressed on a 24-hour clock. Thus 3pm would be translated as *quinze heures* or *15h00*.

In French, you have to say *heure* (except with *midi* and *minuit*), even though in English "o'clock" is often left out. In addition, the French hour and minute are separate by **h** (for *heure*) where in English we use a semi-colon :