

time

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk French: Programme 4</p> <p>French working life usually starts between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and the French now work a 35-hour week. Meet people talking about their horaires de travail (working hours) and watch others asking about the time of public transport.</p> <p>Talk French is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p>Learn online</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</p> <p>French Steps</p> <p>Stage 5: Taking the train</p> <p>Join Hakim on his day off as he finds out about train times and the opening hours of the museum in Vienne. <i>Build sentences</i> tells you about time and offers some practice.</p> <p>Talk French: Professions</p> <p>Focus on extracts from the TV programme and have a go at the activities designed to help you make the most of the clips.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>To get used to saying the time in French, get your alarm clock, set different times at random and say what time it is. Then have a look in your diary and say aloud what time your appointments are for the next week or so.</p> <p>Once you're comfortable with the format, get used to thinking of the time in French whenever you plan to do something – even routine activities such as going to work, eating your lunch or going to bed.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Le train part à quelle heure? What time does the train leave?</p> <p>Le musée ouvre à quelle heure? What time does the museum open?</p> <p>Vous avez un train à neuf heures There's a train at nine o'clock</p> <p>On commence We start</p> <p>On termine We finish</p> <p>A quelle heure vous sortez? What time do you go out?</p>	<p>1.00 une heure</p> <p>2.00 deux heures</p> <p>3.15 trois heures quinze trois heures et quart</p> <p>4.30 quatre heures trente quatre heures et demie</p> <p>6.45 six heures quarante-cinq sept heures moins le quart</p> <p>12.00 midi (mid-day)</p> <p>minuit (midnight)</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If someone tells you je sors à sept heures cinquante, what time does s/he go out? 2. You hear a guard say Le train part à trois heures. What was the question? 3. The train you want leaves at 9 am. Is that à neuf heures du matin or du soir? 4. What is la sortie de l'école and what time is it traditionally in France? 5. How would you explain that the bank is open from half past nine in the morning until three in the afternoon? 6. Give two different versions of these times: 10.15, 14.45 <p>Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml</p>	