

Telling Times

To tell times in Japanese, we add “じ/ji” after each clock time.



いち じ / ichi-ji



しち じ / shichi-ji



に じ / ni-ji



はち じ / hachi-ji



さん じ / san-ji



く じ / ku-ji



よ じ / yo-ji



じゅう じ / juu-ji



ご じ / go-ji



じゅういち じ / juu ichi-ji



ろく じ / roku-ji



じゅうに じ / juu ni-ji

How to read minutes

It may be too complicated for beginners to memorize all minutes' readings. They depend on numbers and all are mixed up between “ふん / fun” and “ふん / (p)pun”, therefore, we just sort them into 2 groups for each way as follows for now.

Minutes end with 5

ふん / fun

5 ふん / go fun

15 ふん / go fun

25 ふん / go fun

35 ふん / go fun

45 ふん / go fun

55 ふん / go fun

Minutes end with 0

ふん / (p)pun

10 ふん / juppun

20 ふん / nijuppun

30 ふん / sanjuppun

40 ふん / yonjuppun

50 ふん / gojuppun