

I think it's time for you
to stop teaching Badger.
You're a bit **over the hill** now!



Time idioms YouTube English learning livestream

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What is an idiom?



An idiom is a group of words that has a particular meaning that is different from the meaning of each word on its own



How many idioms are there?



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5

500

25,000



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Why do we need idioms?



Why do we need idioms?

- To help you understand native speakers
- To make your speech more interesting and natural
- to help you get a better mark in some English language tests



Beijing ↑

London





**run a long
way**

on a long run

**in the long
run**



**run a long
way**

on a long run

**in the long
run**



**over a long period of
time**

**at a time when
you're running a lot**

**over a long time that
seemed to go very
quickly**



**over a long period of
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in the long run

**over a long period
of time**

**Popeye used to hate it when his mum gave him spinach as a child,
but she told him **in the long run** it would help him.**







in the front of

in the middle of

by the middle



in front of

in the middle of

**piggy in the
middle**



in the process of doing something

to be the main person in a situation

to try to please both sides



in the middle of
during an ongoing
action or event

Hello, I can't speak now, I'm in the middle of reading a report.



**on the other side of
the hill**

**walking down the
hill**

over the hill



**on the other side of
the hill**

**walking down the
hill**

over the hill



too old
too fast
too slow



too old

too fast

too slow





over the hill
too old

I used to be good at tennis when I was younger but I'm a bit **over the hill** now.





time leaves

time runs

time flies



time leaves

time runs

time flies



**when time seems to
go very fast**

**when Big Ben
flies away from
London**

**time goes faster in
an aeroplane**



**when time goes
very fast**

**when the Big Ben
flies away from
London**

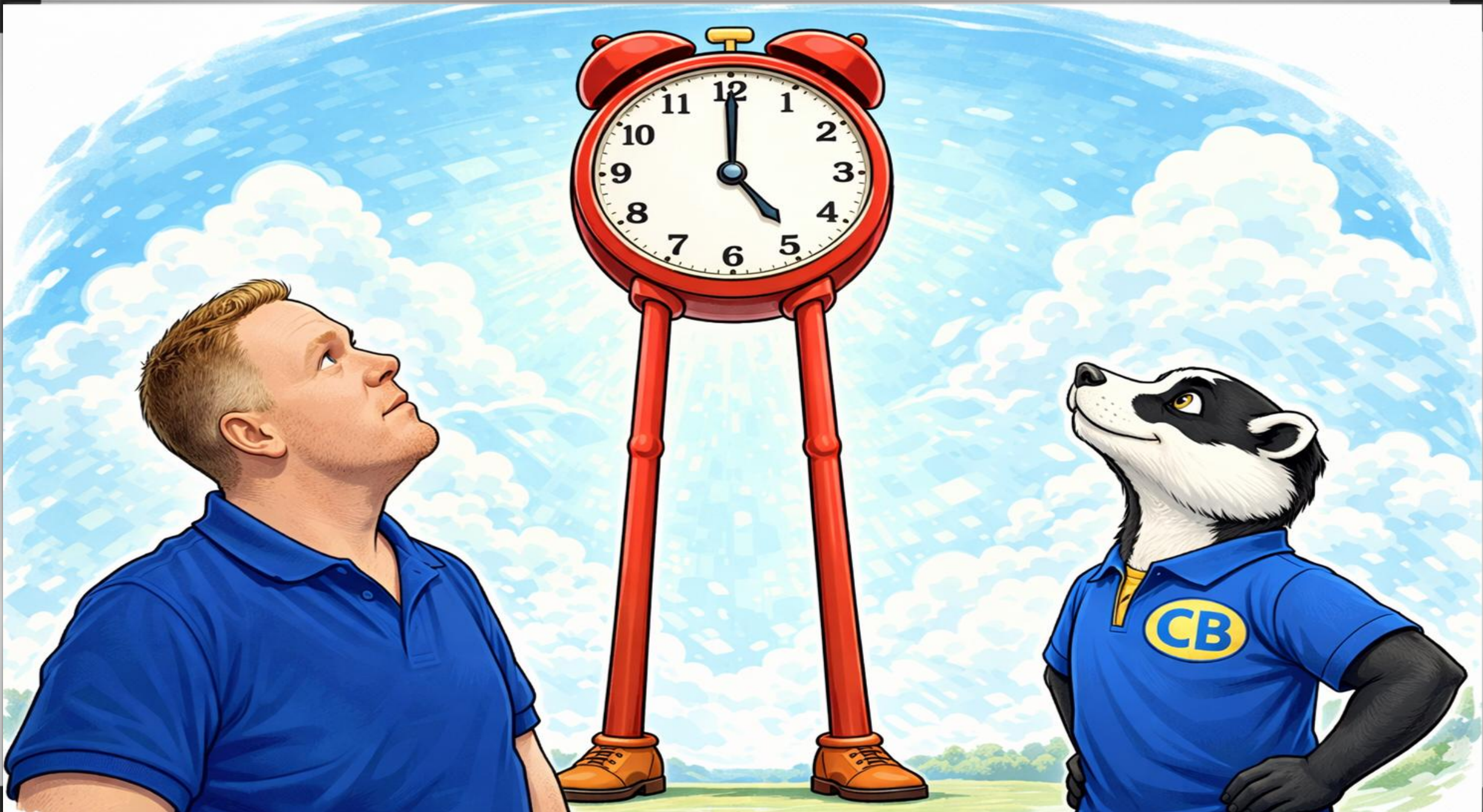
**when something
is flying away
very fast**



**when time goes
very fast**

time flies

Time flies when you're playing video games.





low time

huge time

high time



low time

huge time

high time



**when you see a
big clock**

**when you need
to do something
Right now**

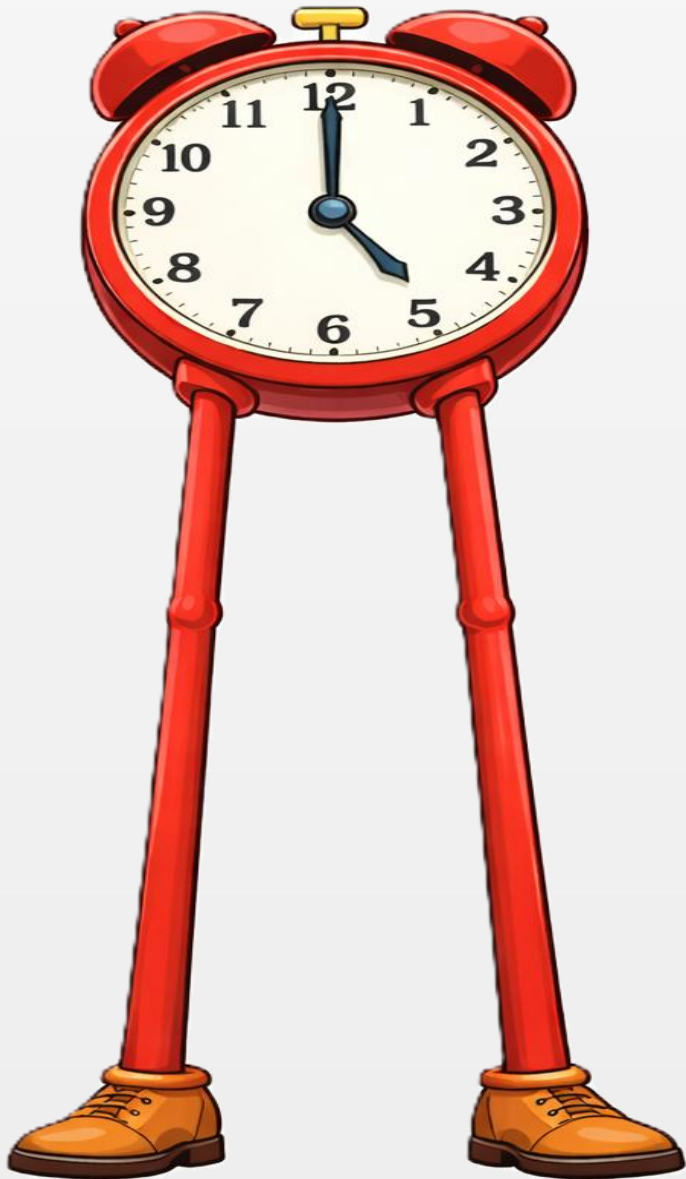
**when you are
late**



**when you see a
big clock**

**when you need
to do something
right now**

**when you are
late**



high time

**when you need
to do something
right now**

It's high time you start learning, Kroko!!!





in sand time

in time

**trapped in
time**



in sand time

in time

**trapped in
time**



**you're getting
old**

**You're ready to
do something
early**

you're waiting



**you're getting
old**

**You're ready to
do something
early**

you're waiting



in time

**you're ready to
do something
early**



in time

**you're ready to
do something
early**

Kroko the crocodile always gets home in time for dinner





on the clock

on time

sit on the hours



on the clock

on time

sit on the hours



do/start something at
the correct time

be in control of time

be interested in time



do/start something at
the correct time

be in control of time

be interested in time



on time

do/start something at
the correct time





kill time

cut time

murder time



kill time

cut time

murder time



**to get rid of all your clocks and
watches**

to die

**to do something to make it feel
like the time is going quickly
when you're waiting for
something**



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kill time

**to do something to make it feel
like the time is going quickly when
you're waiting for something**



kill time

to do something to make it feel like the time is going quickly when you're waiting for something

**The pizza man is going to be here in half an hour.
Let's play Super Mario brothers to **kill time**.**





run through the hours

round time

around the clock



run through the hours

round time

around the clock



all day and all night without stopping

to do something all of your life

to do something in a circular way



all day and all night without stopping

to do something all of your life

to do something in a circular way



all day and all night without stopping

to do something all of your life

to do something in a circular way

Chris teacher was working **around the clock** to get the livestream ready.





once in a blue moon

blue as a blue moon

as old as a blue moon



once in a blue moon

blue as a blue moon

as old as a blue moon



sometimes

never

rarely



sometimes

never

rarely

Mr Stinker only has a bath **once in a blue moon**.

Questions

1. I rarely eat fast food these days—only _____.
2. The train arrived exactly at 9:00, so it was perfectly _____.
3. We got to the station just _____ to catch the last train.
4. I can't believe it's already December—_____ when you're busy!
5. He's starting to feel _____ now that he's turned 60.
6. I arrived early, so I had to _____ while waiting for my friend.
7. Sorry, I can't talk right now—I'm _____ an important meeting.
8. The hospital staff worked _____ to take care of the patients.
9. Studying regularly may feel difficult now, but it will help you _____.
10. It's _____ you started taking your studies more seriously.

Hello, I'm in the middle of something.





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I told you we should have got the radiator fixed!

