

# LA JOURNEE DE MME LAVIGNE

## LES TEMPS

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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*French*  
TELLING TIME

# QUELLE HEURE EST -IL ?

## French Vocabulary for Telling Time

To begin with, there are a few key French vocabulary words related to time that you should know.

<b>time</b>	<b>l'heure</b>
<b>noon</b>	<b>midi</b>
<b>midnight</b>	<b>minuit</b>
<b>and a quarter</b>	<b>et quart</b>
<b>quarter to</b>	<b>moins le quart</b>
<b>and a half</b>	<b>et demie</b>
<b>in the morning</b>	<b>du matin</b>
<b>in the afternoon</b>	<b>de l'après-midi</b>
<b>in the evening</b>	<b>du soir</b>

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## The Rules for Telling Time in French

The French word for "time," as in, "What time is it?" is l'heure, not le temps. The latter means "time".

In English, we often leave out "o'clock" and it's perfectly fine to say "It's seven." or "I'm leaving at three-thirty." This is not so in French. You always have to say heure, except when saying midi (noon) and minuit (midnight).

In French, the hour and minute are separated by h (for heure, as in 2h00) where in English we use a colon (: as in 2:00)

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 about 6 p.m., and du soir from 6 p.m. until midnight. However, time is usually expressed on a 24-hour clock.

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It's one o'clock	Il est une heure	1h00
It's two o'clock	Il est deux heures	2h00
It's 3:30	Il est trois heures et demie Il est trois heures trente	3h30
It's 4:15	Il est quatre heures et quart Il est quatre heures quinze	4h15
It's 4:45	Il est cinq heures moins le quart 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

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It's 7 a.m.	Il est sept heures du matin	7h00
It's 3 p.m.	Il est trois heures de l'après-midi Il est quinze heures	15h00
It's noon	Il est midi	12h00
It's midnight	Il est minuit	0h00

## Asking the Time in French

What time is it?	Quelle heure est-il ?
What time is the concert? The concert is at eight o'clock in the evening.	À quelle heure est le concert ? Le concert est à huit heures du soir.

Il est:



# QUELLE HEURE EST-IL?

LES HEURES



Je vais à l'école à **huit heures du matin**.  
Je rentre du travail à **sept heures du soir**.



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