

A.M. and P.M.

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Q Quick Review

A whole day has 24 hours, but a clock only shows 12 numbers. To tell the two halves of the day apart, we use **A.M.** and **P.M.** **A.M.** is the time from midnight until noon — the morning hours, when you wake up and eat breakfast. **P.M.** is the time from noon until midnight — the afternoon, evening, and night hours. A good way to remember: if the sun is coming up or it is morning, think A.M.; if it is afternoon or dark out, think P.M.

◇ **Example:** You eat lunch at 12:00 in the middle of the day. Is that A.M. or P.M.?

⇒ Let's think about when lunch happens. Lunch is in the middle of the day, right at noon. A.M. is before noon, and P.M. starts at noon and goes through the afternoon. Since noon is the start of P.M., lunch at 12:00 in the middle of the day is P.M.

Answer: P.M.

PRACTICE

Decide whether each time is A.M. or P.M.

- Waking up for school at 7:00 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Eating dinner at 6:30 in the evening — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Eating breakfast at 8:00 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Going to bed at 9:00 at night — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- The sun rises at 6:00 in the morning — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Playing outside after school at 4:00 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Brushing your teeth at 7:15 before school — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Watching the stars at 10:00 at night — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Catching the school bus at 8:30 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Eating an afternoon snack at 3:00 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Doing homework at 5:00 in the evening — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Hearing the rooster crow at 5:30 in the morning — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Sleeping at 2:00 in the middle of the night — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Going to soccer practice at 4:30 after school — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Getting dressed for school at 7:30 — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Reading a bedtime story at 8:00 at night — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Starting math class at 9:00 in the morning — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Watching the sunset at 7:00 in the evening — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Feeding the cat at 6:45 in the morning — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Going to a friend's birthday party at 2:30 in the afternoon — is that A.M. or P.M.? _____

◆ Word Problems

- Lily wakes up and eats cereal at 7:30. Should she write A.M. or P.M. next to that time? _____
- The school day ends at 3:00 and Noah goes home. Is 3:00 A.M. or P.M.? _____
- Ava's family eats dinner together at 6:00 each evening. Is that time A.M. or P.M.? _____
- A baker starts making bread very early, at 5:00, while it is still dark before sunrise. Is that A.M. or P.M.? _____



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Step-by-Step Explanations

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| 1. Waking up for school happens in the morning, so it is A.M. | 14. After school is in the afternoon, so it is P.M. |
| 2. Dinner in the evening is after noon, so it is P.M. | 15. Getting ready for school happens in the morning, so it is A.M. |
| 3. Breakfast happens in the morning, so it is A.M. | 16. A bedtime story at night is after noon, so it is P.M. |
| 4. Bedtime at night is after noon, so it is P.M. | 17. Morning class is before noon, so it is A.M. |
| 5. Sunrise happens in the morning, so it is A.M. | 18. The sunset happens in the evening, after noon, so it is P.M. |
| 6. After school is in the afternoon, which is after noon, so it is P.M. | 19. Early morning is before noon, so it is A.M. |
| 7. Before school is in the morning, so it is A.M. | 20. The afternoon is after noon, so it is P.M. |
| 8. Nighttime is after noon, so it is P.M. | 21. Waking up and eating cereal happens in the morning, before noon. So the time is 7:30 A.M. |
| 9. The morning bus comes before noon, so it is A.M. | 22. The end of the school day is in the afternoon, which comes after noon. So 3:00 is P.M. |
| 10. The afternoon is after noon, so it is P.M. | 23. Dinner in the evening happens after noon, so 6:00 at dinnertime is P.M. |
| 11. The evening is after noon, so it is P.M. | 24. Early morning, before sunrise and before noon, is A.M. So the baker starts at 5:00 A.M. |
| 12. Early morning is before noon, so it is A.M. | |
| 13. The hours after midnight and before noon are A.M., so 2:00 at night is A.M. | |



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