

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
information gap, asking
and answering questions
from prompts (pair work)

Focus

Telling the time

Time prepositions

School subjects

Aim

To learn and practice
asking the day and
starting time for events in
a schedule.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two
worksheets for each pair
of students.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this school timetable activity, students practice telling the time, time prepositions and school subjects.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to ask their partner questions in order to complete the missing subjects in Terry's school timetable.

Go through the question and answer structure as shown on the worksheet with the students.

Students then take it in turns to ask and answer questions with their partner and complete the timetable with the school subjects shown on their worksheet.

They do this by guessing which subject from the worksheet Terry studies at a particular time, e.g. 'Is the chemistry lesson at 9:30 on Monday?'

When both students have finished, they check their answers by comparing timetables.

Student A

Ask questions to Student B to complete the missing subjects in Terry's timetable.

Example:

A: Is the chemistry lesson at 9:30 on Monday?

B: Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.

The missing subjects:

chemistry PE drama geography science art English



Each missing subject appears twice in the timetable.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30 – 09:25	IT		maths		biology
09:30 – 10:25		music			
10:25 – 10:40	break	break	break	break	break
10:40 – 11:35		French		IT	physics
11:35 – 12:30	maths		music	physics	
12:30 – 13:30	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
13:30 – 14:25			French		
14:30 – 15:25	history	biology	sports	history	sports

Student B

Ask questions to Student A to complete the missing subjects in Terry's timetable.

Example:

B: Is the biology lesson at 8:30 on Monday?

A: Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.

The missing subjects:

biology music physics French IT history maths



Each missing subject appears twice in the timetable.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30 – 09:25		science		PE	
09:30 – 10:25	English		art	PE	drama
10:25 – 10:40	break	break	break	break	break
10:40 – 11:35	science		drama		
11:35 – 12:30		geography			English
12:30 – 13:30	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
13:30 – 14:25	art	chemistry		chemistry	geography
14:30 – 15:25			sports		sports