



German Virtual Learning

German 1

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Objective/Learning Target:

**I know a phrase for telling someone the time in German.
I can ask someone what the time is in German.**



Bellwork: Brainstorm. What are a few ways you might ask someone in ENGLISH about the current time? Think of a couple

**Next: How might you answer that same question?
For example. You asked someone the time and the current time is 3:45.**

**How many different ways could you say this time in English?
Hint: Use words like quarter and also the numbers.**



In the video you watched yesterday, the speaker asks for specific times about things. Let's look at the most general way of asking for the time. These phrases were also in the notecards on Quizlet. Here's the [link](#) if you want to practice those cards again.

These phrases which will get you the current time are:

Wie spät ist es? → How late is it?

Wie viel Uhr ist es? → What time is it?

Let's talk about how to answer the question "Wie spät ist es?". For all of my examples, I will use the standard 24-hour system used in Germany.

To give someone the time, you use the following phrase.
Let's pretend it's **9:00**.

Q: Wie spät ist es? → Q: What time is it?

A: Es ist **neun Uhr**. → It is **nine o'clock**.

Let's look at a couple more examples. Remember: Both question phrases are used to get the current time. They are interchangable.

Current time: 14:00

Q: Wie viel Uhr ist es? → Q: What time is it?

A: Es ist vierzehn Uhr. → A: It is 2 o'clock pm.

Current time: 1:00

Q: Wie spät ist es? → What time is it?

A: Es ist ein* Uhr. → It is 1 o'clock am.

*When giving the time “one o'clock, you don't need the typical “s” at the end of “eins”.



Let's look at examples where it's not exactly on the hour. You'll notice the format stays almost the same.

To give the time, you'll give "hour" "Uhr" "minutes" You can think of the ":" like the word Uhr. Uhr is used to separate the hour and minutes. Start with "Es ist..."

Current time: 14:39

Q: Wie viel Uhr ist es?

A: Es ist vierzehn Uhr neununddreißig.

→ Q: What time is it?

→ A: It is 2:39pm.

Current time: 1:50

Q: Wie spät ist es?

A: Es ist ein Uhr fünfzig.

→ What time is it?

→ It is 1:50am.

It's your turn. I'm going to give you the time in English. Write out the time using WORDS. If there are no minutes, you stop at the word Uhr. If you need to give the minutes, you just tack on the minutes after "Uhr". Remember: **pm** means you'll have to give the time in the **24-hour format!**

- 1) 11:00am → Es ist...
- 2) 2:00**pm** →
- 3) 6:32am →
- 4) 10:40**pm** →

How did you do? The **green** means **24-hour** time. All times regarding scheduling in Germany are written in the 24-hour time. You'll need this skill to read train, plain and bus times.

- 1) **11:00am** → Es ist **elf** **Uhr**. → It is **eleven** **o'clock**. **[11:00]**
- 2) **2:00pm** → Es ist **vierzehn** **Uhr**. → It is **two** **o'clock** **pm**. **[14:00]**
- 3) **6:32am** → Es ist **sechs** **Uhr** **zweiunddreißig**. → It is **six** **thirty-two**. **[6:32]**
- 4) **10:40pm** → Es ist **zweiundzwanzig** **Uhr** **vierzig**. → It is **ten** **forty** **pm**. **[22:40]**



It may seem like a lot to balance with numbers and the 24-hour format, but you'll get it with more practice! I bet you're already starting to feel a bit more comfortable than when you started.

Challenge: If you haven't already, set your phone clock to the 24-hour format through the settings. Challenge yourself ask yourself and answer "Wie spät ist es?" throughout the day!