

Telling Time in Wendat

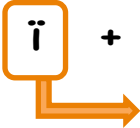
In Wendat, the hour is expressed by saying the number of times that a bell rings. Therefore, the phrase **tho ïohwihsta'eh** means 'how many times did the bell ring'.

Thus, **Tho ïohwihsta'eh?** = **NUMBER OF TIMES** + **THE BELL HAS RUNG**

For example, if it is 4 o'clock, that means that the bell has rung four times.

If it is 8 o'clock in the evening, so 20:00, the bell has rung 20 times.

If the number of times is **3 or +**, we use **ï + ohwihsta'eh**

 We use a prefix called the **partitive** when we enumerate things that are 3 or more.

- 3:00 ahchienhk ïohwihsta'eh
- 5:00 wihch ïohwihsta'eh
- 14:00 ahsenh ndahk iskare' ïohwihsta'eh
- 23:00 tëndih tewahsenh ahchienhk iskare' ïohwihsta'eh


We have already mentioned the importance of the number two in the Wendat culture.

When the bell rings **two times**, we use **te + ohwihsta'eh**

 **Duplicative.** We specify the fact that it's two hours.

- 2:00 tëndih teohwihsta'eh

If the bell only rings **one time**, we need to specify that it only rang just once by using a prefix called the **repetitive**:

 **ts + ohwihsta'eh**

- 1:00 skat tsohwihsta'eh

Expressing *noon* and *midnight*...

Just as is the case in English, there are terms in Wendat to express the middle of the day as well as the middle of the night.

We would say: **Entiehk iyar** 'the sun is in the south' NOON

Ahsonthenhk 'it is the middle of the night' MIDNIGHT

Exercises

No. 1 Write the time in Wendat.

a) 11:00

b) 4:00

c) 7:00

d) 22:00

e) 19:00

f) 12:00

Tho ïohwihsta'eh? (1)

'What time is it?' (Part 1)

No. 2 Circle the correct time.

a) Skat tsohwihsta'eh

4:00

1:00

13:00

b) Tëndih tewahsenh ïohwihsta'eh

20:00

12:00

8:00

c) Ahsonthenhk

12:00

22:00

00:00

d) Tëndih teohwihsta'eh

20 : 00

2 : 00

22 : 00

e) Ahsenh wihch iskare' ïohwihsta'eh

5:00

10:00

15:00

f) Wahia' ïohwihsta'eh

6:00

16:00

4:00

g) A'tere' ïohwihsta'eh

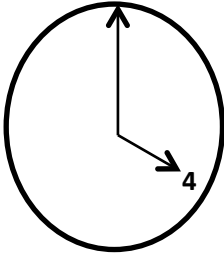
20:00

18:00

8:00

No. 3 True or False? Circle the right answer.

a)

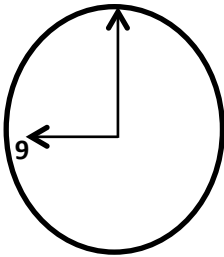


Ahsenh wahia' iskare' ïohwihsta'eh

TRUE

FALSE

b)

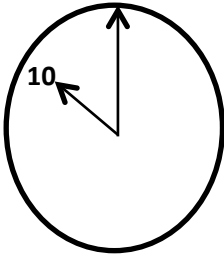


En'tron' ïohwihsta'eh

TRUE

FALSE

c)

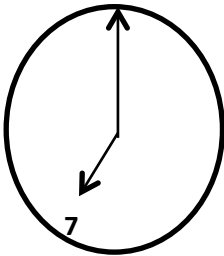


Ahchienhk ïohwihsta'eh

TRUE

FALSE

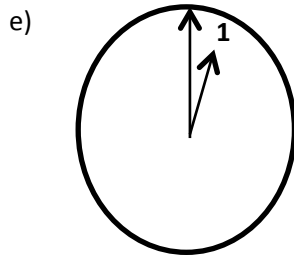
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Wihch ïohwihsta'eh

TRUE

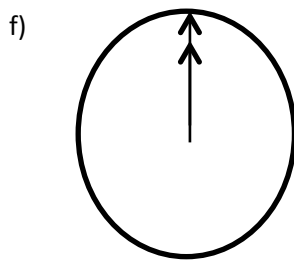
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Skat tsohwihsta'eh

TRUE

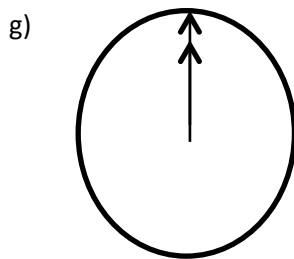
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Entiehk iyar

TRUE

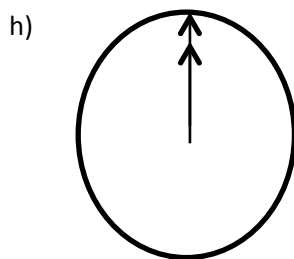
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Ahsonthenhk

TRUE

FALSE



Tëndih tewahsenh ïohwihsta'eh

TRUE

FALSE

Answer Key

No. 1 Write the time in Wendat.

- a) Ahsenh skat iskare' ïohwihsta'eh
- b) Ndahk ïohwihsta'eh
- c) Tsoutare' ïohwihsta'eh
- d) Tëndih tewahsenh tëndih teskare' ïohwihsta'eh
- e) Ahsenh en'tron' iskare' ïohwihsta'eh
- f) Ahsenh tëndih teskare' ïohwihsta'eh **or** Entiehk iyar

No. 2 Circle the correct time.

- a) 1:00
- b) 20:00
- c) 00:00
- d) 2:00
- e) 15:00
- f) 6:00
- g) 8:00

No. 3 True or False?

- a) True
- b) True
- c) False
- d) False
- e) True
- f) True
- g) True
- h) False