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Helpful Vocabulary for Telling Time

A. When giving a precise time, we use the following phrases:

de la madrugada - in the early morning

Son las cuatro de la madrugada.

It's four in the (early) morning. (four hours past midnight)

de la mañana - in the morning

Son las diez de la mañana.

It's ten in the morning. (10:00 AM)

de la tarde - in the afternoon/evening

Son las cinco de la tarde.

It's five in the afternoon. (5:00 PM)

Son las siete y media de la tarde.

It's seven thirty in the evening. (7:30 PM)

de la noche - at night

Son las doce menos cuarto de la noche.

It's eleven forty five at night. (11:45 PM)

*In many Hispanic cultures, the schedule is much later than in the United States. In Spain, for example, the sun might not go down until 10:00 PM during the Summer. In these place, it's not night until the sun has gone down. Depending on the time of year, and the culture, what we consider night and early evening may change.

Es el mediodía. - It's noon. (12:00 PM)

Es la medianoche. - It's midnight. (12:00 AM)

B. When talking about general times of the day, we will use the following phrases:

por la mañana - in the morning

por la tarde - in the afternoon/evening

por la noche - at night

Yo voy corriendo por la tarde.

I go running in the evening.

Nos gusta viajar por la noche.

We like to travel at night.

¿A qué hora te gusta estudiar? Me gusta estudiar por la mañana.

At what time do you like to study? I like to study in the morning.