



The short hand shows the hours.

The long hand shows the minutes.

half an hour
= 30 minutes

half half

a quarter of an hour
= 15 minutes

quarter quarter
quarter quarter

11:00



It's eleven o'clock.

11:10



It's ten past eleven.

11:15



It's a quarter past eleven.

11:30



It's half past eleven.

11:40



It's twenty to twelve.

11:45



It's a quarter to twelve.

o'clock

We use *o'clock* at the full hour.It's three
o'clock.It's six
o'clock.It's twelve
o'clock.

past

We use *past* to say times after the hour.It's ten past
eleven.It's a quarter past
seven.It's half past
nine.

to

We use *to* to say times before the hour.It's twenty to
nine.It's a quarter to
eleven.It's ten to
ten.