

La Hora

¿Qué hora es? – What time is it?

¿A qué hora? – At what time?

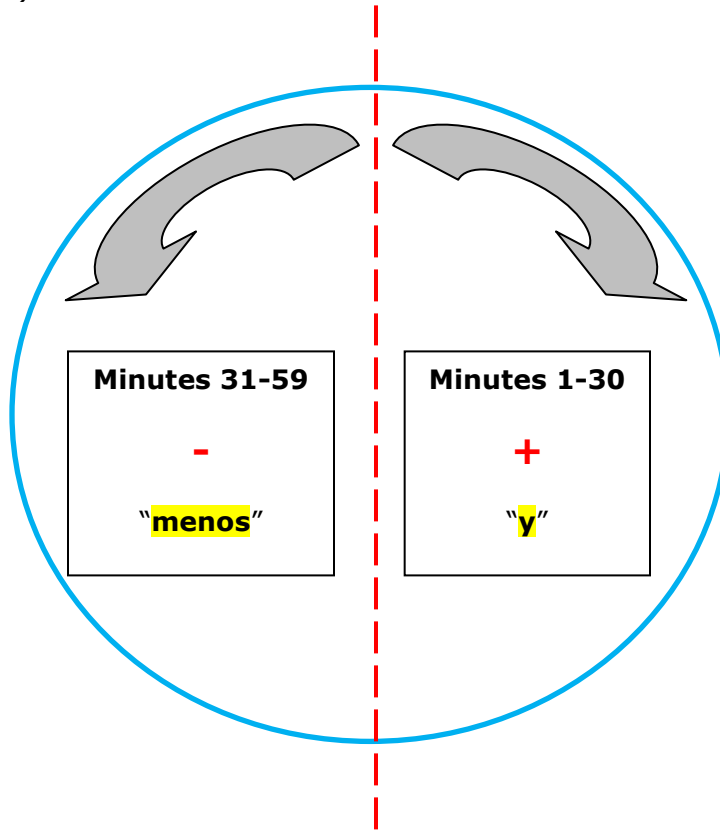
Telling Time in Spanish:

- To tell the hour (except for times around one o'clock), use **Son las . . .** plus the hour.
 - Example: **Son las ocho.** – *It's 8:00.*
- For times **after the hour**, follow this pattern:
 - Son las siete **y cuarto.** – *It's 7:15, or it's a quarter after 7.*
 - Son las ocho **y veinticinco.** – *It's 8:25.*
 - Son las once **y media.** – *It's 11:30.*
- For times **before the hour**, say:
 - Es la una **menos veinte.** – *It's 20 minutes till 1, or it's 12:40.*
 - Son las doce **menos cuarto.** – *It's a quarter till 12, or it's 11:45.*
 - Son las ocho **menos diez.** – *It's ten minutes till 8, or it's 7:50.*
- For times including 1:00, use **Es la una . . .**
 - **Es la una** y veinte. – *It's 1:20.*



Remember . . .

When telling time in Spanish, imagine the clock divided in half vertically. Always look at the minutes to determine which pattern to use. When the minutes are 1-30, you add the minutes to the current hour using the word "y". When the minutes are greater than 30 (31-59), you subtract the minutes from the next hour using the word "menos". Chant: "Round it up to the next hour and subtract the number of minutes (from 60)."



Vocabulary:

hora	time, hour
tiempo	time (spent)
minuto	minute
segundo	second
mañana	tomorrow, morning
de la mañana	in the morning
tarde	afternoon, late
de la tarde	in the afternoon
noche	night, evening

de la noche	in the evening
temprano	early
hoy	today
ayer	yesterday
y cuarto	quarter past the hour
menos cuarto	quarter till the hour
y media	half past the hour
en punto	sharp, on the dot

