What Time Is It Now? Clock, Half Past and Midnight Stars

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01 VOCABULARY

Elementary French learning song about kids time. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	**Quelle heure est-il maintenant ?**	What time is it now?	pointing at a big pretend clock on the wall with a curious face
2	**Il est trois heures et demie.**	It is half past three.	drawing a half circle in the air with your finger
3	**Je me couche à neuf heures.**	I go to bed at nine o'clock.	resting your head on folded hands like a pillow
4	**Il est une heure.**	It is one o'clock.	holding up one finger beside a pretend clock
5	**Il est midi, c'est l'heure de déjeuner.**	It is noon, it is time to have lunch.	pointing both arms straight up like clock hands at the top
6	**Il est six heures et quart.**	It is a quarter past six.	showing a small slice of a pretend pie with your fingers
7	**Il est minuit, on voit les étoiles.**	It is midnight, we see the stars.	wiggling your fingers like twinkling stars in the dark
8	**Je me couche à huit heures et demie.**	I go to bed at half past eight.	tiptoeing to bed and tucking in a teddy bear

NEW WORDS (6)

maintenant
now

horloge
clock

demie
half past

quart
quarter past

couche
go to bed

minuit
midnight

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

maintenant

demie

quart

minuit

couche

horloge

[REVIEW]

Il est l'heure d'aller faire dodo.

It is time to go to sleep.

Je déjeune à la cantine à midi.

I eat lunch at the cafeteria at noon.

La fête commence à trois heures.

The party starts at three o'clock.

Je vais à l'école le matin.

I go to school in the morning.

[CHORUS]

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Il est trois heures et demie.

Il est trois heures et demie.

It is half past three.

Il est trois heures et demie.

[VERSE 1]

Quelle heure est-il maintenant ?

What time is it now?

maintenant

now

horloge

clock

Regarde l'horloge, maman.

Look at the clock, mom.

Il est une heure.

It is one o'clock.

Il est deux heures.

It is two o'clock.

Il est midi, c'est l'heure de déjeuner.

It is noon, it is time to have lunch.

Regarde l'horloge dans la cuisine.

Look at the clock in the kitchen.

[CHORUS]

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It is half past three.

Il est trois heures et demie.

[VERSE 2]

Il est trois heures et demie.

It is half past three.

demie

half past

Il est quatre heures et demie.

It is half past four.

Il est six heures et quart.

It is a quarter past six.

quart

quarter past

Il est huit heures et quart.

It is a quarter past eight.

Il est cinq heures et demie, c'est le soir.

It is half past five, it is evening.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Je me couche à neuf heures.

I go to bed at nine o'clock.

couche

go to bed

Je me couche à huit heures et demie.

I go to bed at half past eight.

Il est minuit, c'est la nuit.

It is midnight, it is night.

minuit

midnight

Il est minuit, on voit les étoiles.

It is midnight, we see the stars.

Le soleil brille à midi.

The sun shines at noon.

Je me couche avec mon ours en peluche.

I go to bed with my stuffed bear.

Bonne nuit, maman, bonne nuit, papa.

Good night, mom, good night, dad.

[CHORUS]

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Il est trois heures et demie.

It is half past three.

Il est trois heures et demie.

[RECAP]

Quelle heure est-il maintenant ?

Il est trois heures et demie.

Je me couche à neuf heures.

Il est minuit, on voit les étoiles.

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

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