# 4.32 Making sentences about time

**Topic:** Measurement **Subtopic:** Time

Activity type/skill: Collocation Literacy focus: Vocabulary

### **Objective**

Increase understanding of time phrases.

• Promote discussion of time concepts in English.

## What you need

• Student worksheet (see next page)

#### What to do

- 1. Look at the student worksheet and explain that students need to find as many true endings for each starter as they can and write the number of each ending in a circle beside the starter.
- 2. Have the students work in pairs they must both agree on each answer. Stimulate discussion as they work through using remarks like 'Are you sure?', 'Explain that to me again?', 'Do you agree...?' If students make grammatical or semantic errors, repeat what they said using the correct forms. (When they are focused on meaning, as in this activity, do not correct their usage.)

#### Answers:

A second 4, 24 A minute 5, 24 An hour 9, 18, 24 A week 6, 16 A month 3 A year 7, 14, 20

A year 7, 14, 20 A calendar 2, 15 A clock 13, 25 A night 1, 12, 22 A morning 19, 21 An afternoon 19, 22, 23

An evening (1), 17, 22, 23 (an evening may also be light)

Midnight 1, 8, 12 Noon 10, 11, 19, 23

# Activity thirty-two

A second	
A minute	
An hour	
A week	
A month	
A year	
A calendar	
A clock	
A night	$\bigcirc$
A morning	
An afternoon	
An evening	
Midnight	
Noon	$\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc$

- 1 is a time when it is usually dark.
- **2** measures days, months and years.
- **3** usually has 30 or 31 days.
- 4 is shorter in length than a minute.
- **5** consists of sixty seconds.
- **6** has seven days.
- 7 has four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter.
- **8** is in the middle of the night.
- **9** consists of sixty minutes.
- **10** is also called midday.
- 11 is about the time we usually have lunch.
- 12 is a time when we are usually asleep.
- **13** is used for telling the time.
- **14** is the time from one birthday to the next.
- **15** is used for checking the date.
- **16** has 168 hours.
- 17 is the time we have tea or dinner.
- **18** has 3,600 seconds.
- **19** is a time when it is light.
- **20** consists of twelve months.
- 21 is the time when we have breakfast.
- 22 is after lunch.
- **23** is before bedtime.
- 24 is shorter in length than a day.
- **25** has a face and hands.