



# Military English

## Vocabulary Builder: Military time

### Overview:

This sheet lists vocabulary of numbers and the military way of referring to time.

### In this vocabulary builder, you will:

- ✓ use vocabulary related to time in the military.

1) Write the number in words next to the figure OR the figure next to the word.

0	<u>zero</u>
1	one
	two
3	
	four
5	
6	
	<u>seven</u>
	eight
9	
10	
11	
	twelve
	<u>thirteen</u>
14	
	<u>fifteen</u>
16	

	<u>seventeen</u>
18	
19	
	<u>twenty</u>
21	
22	
23	
	<u>twenty-four</u>
25	
26	
	<u>twenty-seven</u>
28	
	<u>twenty-nine</u>
30	
40	
	<u>fifty</u>
100	

2) Check your spelling, and listen to the words practised in the table. Listen and repeat.  
Practise pronunciation of the numbers with your teacher.

3) In the military, we use a 24-hour clock to tell the time.

- The 24-hour clock uses the numbers 00:00 to 23:59 (midnight is 00:00).
- Remember, for everything after 1259 p.m. in the afternoon, and evening hours, add 12.
  - **2:00 p.m.** becomes **1400** (2 in the afternoon +12=14).
  - **10:00 p.m.** becomes **2200** (10 in the evening +12=22).

Also, in the military, the time is often written **without** the two dots, between the hours and the minutes e.g. **07:55** is usually written as **0755** (seven fifty-five in the morning). Time for the **whole world** is usually Coordinated Universal Time/UTC and is written with a “Z” at the end, and is written as **0755Z**.



Write the correct military time.

- zero eight hundred = 0800 (class / start)
- zero six thirty = 0630 (breakfast)
- zero two thirteen = 0213 (my flight / arrive)
- eleven forty-five = 1145 (lunch / start)
- sixteen twenty-five = 1625 (class / finish)
- twenty-two fifty = 2250 (the lights / go off)
- 13 20 = 1320 (lunch / finish)
- 09 55 = 0955 (morning tea)
- 18 10 = 1810 (the gym / close)
- 07 00 = 0700 (parade)
- 11 35 = 1135 (the mess / open / for lunch)

4) Now let’s listen to the words practised in this exercise. Listen and repeat.

5) When saying military time, 0700 is said as “zero seven hundred” or “oh seven hundred” because the two zeros are like ‘hundred’. If the time is 0752, we say “oh seven fifty-two”.

Practice saying the time in pairs. Use the times in exercise three. Take turns to ask, and answer.

A: What time does class start?

B: oh eight hundred

B: What time is breakfast?

A: zero six thirty