

Meanings

Each example has an idiom with time. Read the example carefully to find the meaning of the idiom. Then look at the definitions that follow the examples. Write the idiom next to its definition.

the big time

Mafalda used to work in a supermarket. Then she hit **the big time** and she got a job as the star actress in a movie.

to call it a day

When I finish writing this composition, I'm going **to call it a day** and go to bed.

for the time being

We have no extra money. So **for the time being**, we can't move to a nicer apartment.

high time

It's **high time** we bought a new car. The old one keeps dying out on the highway.

in no time

When Sid got sick suddenly, we called the emergency number and the paramedics were here **in no time**.

in the nick of time

The vase was just about to fall off the sink, but she grabbed it **in the nick of time**, so it didn't break.

to kill time

We were a half hour early for the movie. **To kill time**, we went to the fast-food restaurant next door for a cup of coffee.

to make time

I was planning to work on my report all day, but I'll **make time** in the morning to meet with you and discuss the problem.

on the spur of the moment

They didn't plan to go away for the weekend. They decided to go to the mountains **on the spur of the moment**.

to take one's time

It's better **to take your time** when doing tests than to hurry and make mistakes.

the time is right

The time is right to invest in a house because real estate prices are low now.

1. _____ to waste time, waiting for something else to happen
2. _____ quickly
3. _____ immediately, without planning
4. _____ it is a good time to do something
5. _____ just before it is too late
6. _____ not to hurry
7. _____ to do something although you did not plan it and you are already busy
8. _____ almost too late to do something
9. _____ a high level of success
10. _____ to stop doing something
11. _____ temporarily, just for the present moment