

SCENE 21 • NUMBER 7

Id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa

Monday, your first day. At five to nine exactly, a neat man in a blue shirt waits at the office door: the man from the café. "I am Tonio. You are late."

129 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The first week at work

Maltese

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LEARNING GOAL

I can tell the time, say when work starts and give my email address.

Tonio = ■ Lena (Lukas) = ○

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

Monday, your first day at the office. A neat man in a light-blue shirt waits at the door and taps his watch.

■ Bongu. Jien Tonio Camilleri. L-ewwel jum, u int diġà tard.

○ Tard? Imma issa d-disgħa nieqes ħamsa!

■ Ix-xogħol jibda fid-disgħa. Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa nieqes kwart. Kull ġurnata.

○ Fid-disgħa nieqes kwart? Kull ġurnata?

○ Stenna ftit... Jien naf lilek! Int ir-raġel tal-kafetterija, tal-mejda tlieta. Te bla zokkor!

He glances at your file, then takes a small step back.

■ U int il-kollega l-ġdida (ġdid) tiegħi. Min-numru sebgħa, mid-dar tal-qattus.

○ Iva, imma l-qattus mhux tiegħi!

*A bright office with two desks side by side by the big window.
One of them is perfectly tidy.*

■ L-ewwel: din l-iskrivanija tiegħek, bil-kompjuter, ħdejn it-tieqa. U l-iskrivanija tiegħi ħdejn tiegħek.

■ It-tieni: l-imejl. Il-kunjom tiegħek, ittra b'ittra, jekk jogħġbok.

○ Becker. Be, e, si, ke, e, erre.

He writes your new email address on a yellow note and sticks it exactly in the middle of your screen.

■ Tajjeb. Hawn hu l-indirizz il-ġdid tiegħek.

○ U sa x'ħin naħdmu?

■ Mid-disgħa sal-ħamsa u nofs.

- Mela tmien sigħat. Mhux ħażin.

He corrects you without looking up.

- Tmien sigħat u tletin minuta.

He picks something off your jacket on the back of your chair and holds it up to his glasses.

- X'inhum dan? Xagħra griża... Din xagħra ta' qattus?

- Iva, skużani. Hi ta' Ċikku, il-qattus tan-numru sebgha.

He moves his desk one metre away from yours and measures the gap with a folding ruler.

- Tajjeb. Metru wieħed.

Bejn iż-żewġ skrivaniji issa hemm metru wieħed, eżatt. Fuq l-iskrin tiegħek hemm karta safra bl-indirizz il-ġdid. Tonio qed jikteb lista, u għadu l-ewwel jum biss.

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS • AZZJONIJIET

jibda

start

Ix-xogħol jibda fid-disgħa: work starts at nine. Beda: it started.

TIME AND THE CLOCK • IL-ĦIN

tard

late

I'm late: wasalt tard, I arrived late. Later: iktar tard.

siegħa

hour (sixty minutes)

Two hours: sagħtejn; three hours: tliet sigħat. Is-siegħa is also one o'clock.

minuta

minute

Five minutes: ħames minuti.

COLOURS • KULURI**griż**

grey

griż (m) • griża (f) • griži (pl). One hair: xagħra; a grey hair: xagħra griża.

SMALL WORDS • KLIEM ŻGĦIR**sa**

until

With the article: sal-ħamsa, until five.
Before a verb: sakemm.

LIFE AND WORK • IL-ĦAJJA U X-XOGĦOL**indirizz**

address

Several: indirizzi.

PEOPLE AROUND YOU • NIES MADWAREK**raġel**

man

Several: rġiel. Also husband: ir-raġel tagħha, her husband.

kollega

colleague

The same word for a man and a woman.
Several: kollegi.

EVERYDAY THINGS • AFFARIJET TA' KULJUM**skrivanija**

desk

After the article it takes an i: l-iskrivanija.

kompjuter

computer

imejl

email

metru

metre

DATES AND EVENTS • DATI U OKKAŻJONIJIET**kwart**

quarter

Quarter past nine: id-disgħa u kwart.
Quarter to nine: id-disgħa nieqes kwart.

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING**L1) WHO SAYS IT**

Read the dialogue again. Who says these words? Tick the right person.

1 Mela tmien sigħat. Mhux ħażin.

- ☐ A Tonio
- ☐ B Lena

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 Ix-xogħol jibda fid-disgħa. Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa nieqes kwart. Kull ġurnata.

- ☐ A Work starts at nine. I'm here at a quarter to nine. Every day.
- ☐ B Yes, sorry. It's Ċikku's, the cat from number 7.
- ☐ C What's this? A grey hair... Is this a cat hair?

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right Maltese sentence.

1 Late? But it's five to nine now!

- ☐ A Tajjeb. Hawn hu l-indirizz il-ġdid tiegħek.
- ☐ B Tard? Imma issa d-disgħa nieqes ħamsa!
- ☐ C L-ewwel: din l-iskrivanija tiegħek, bil-kompjuter, ħdejn it-tieqa. U l-iskrivanija tiegħi ħdejn tiegħek.

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

- 1 _____

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ Tmien sigħat u tletin minuta.
- ☐ Mid-disgħa sal-ħamsa u nofs.
- ☐ Iva, skużani. Hi ta' Ċikku, il-qattus tan-numru sebgħa.
- ☐ Becker. Be, e, si, ke, e, erre.
- ☐ Fid-disgħa nieqes kwart? Kull ġurnata?

SCENE 21 • WORDS

Id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa

Five to nine

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

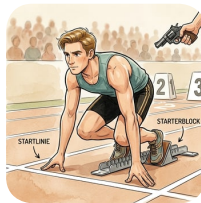
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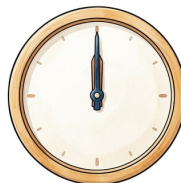
kompjuter
computer



imejl
email



indirizz
address



siegħa
hour (sixty
minutes)



minuta
minute



griz
grey

Words

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imejl

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indirizz

address

Tajjeb. Hawn hu l-indirizz il-ġdid tiegħek.

sa

until

U sa x'hin naħdmu?

siegħa

hour (sixty minutes)

Tmien sigħat u tletin minuta.

minuta

minute

Tmien sigħat u tletin minuta.

griż

grey

X'inhu dan? Xagħra griża... Din xagħra ta' qattus?

metru

metre

Tajjeb. Metru wieħed.

VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION**W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

What does it mean?

1 sa

- ☐ A quarter
- ☐ B only
- ☐ C until

2 kompjuter

- ☐ A computer
- ☐ B surname
- ☐ C April

3 jibda

- ☐ A start
- ☐ B grandfather
- ☐ C window

4 tard

- ☐ A late
- ☐ B far
- ☐ C evening

5 imejl

- ☐ A zero
- ☐ B people
- ☐ C email

6 metru

- ☐ A metre
- ☐ B on
- ☐ C July

W2) THE FIRST MORNING

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

siegħa tard jum

Bonġu. L-ewwel _____, u int diġà _____.

Meaning: Good morning. Your first day, and you're already late.

jibda kwart minuta

Ix-xogħol _____ fid-disgħa. Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa
nieqes _____.

Meaning: Work starts at nine. I'm here at a quarter to nine.

metru kompjuter iskrivaniġa

Din l-_____ tiegħek, bil-_____, ħdejn it-tieqa.

Meaning: This is your desk, with the computer, by the window.

norqod naħdmu

U sa x'hin _____?

Meaning: And until what time do we work?

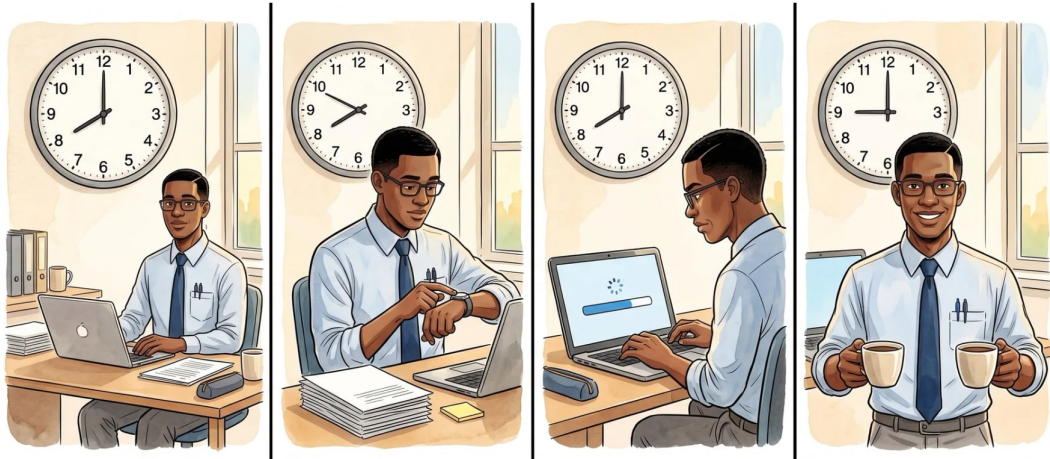
minuta sigħat minuti siegħa

Tmien _____ u tletin _____.

Meaning: Eight hours and thirty minutes.

W3) I'M NOT LATE!

Fill the speech bubbles.



nofs siegħa tard kwart ewwel tieni

Lena: Bonġu, Tonio! Issa d-disgħa nieqes għaxra. Jien mhux

_____!

Tonio: Tajjeb. Imma jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa nieqes _____.

Tonio: Il-kompjuter tiegħi jibda bil-mod ħafna. Għandu bżonn

_____.

Tonio: U issa d-disgħa. L-_____ xogħol: kafè!

Meaning: 1. Good morning, Tonio! It's ten to nine. I'm not late!

2. Good. But I'm here at a quarter to nine.

3. My computer starts up very slowly. It needs an hour.

4. And now it's nine. First job: coffee!

W4) NEW AT THE OFFICE

Match the pairs.

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| ① kollega | Ⓐ a colleague (a man or a woman) |
| ② iskrivaniġa | Ⓑ a metre |
| ③ raġel | Ⓒ an email |
| ④ kompjuter | Ⓓ one single hair |
| ⑤ xagħra | Ⓔ a man |
| ⑥ metru | Ⓕ an address |
| ⑦ imejl | Ⓖ a computer |
| ⑧ indirizz | Ⓗ a desk |

Id-disgħa, fid-disgħa, l-ewwel

The time, and first, second, third

8 Exercises · Duration: 25 min.

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To ask the time, say **X'hin hu?** What time is it? The answer is the hour with the article in front: **id-disgħa**, nine o'clock, literally the nine. One o'clock is **is-siegħa**, the hour itself. The article changes as it always does: **il-ħamsa**, but **is-sitta** and **it-tlieta** before a sun letter, and **l-erbgħa**, **l-għaxra** before a vowel or **għ**. To say at what time, put **fi**, in, in front, joined to the article as in **fil-kafetterija: fid-disgħa**, at nine.

THE HOURS: X'HIN HU?

Time	It is	At	Meaning
1:00	is-siegħa	fis-siegħa	one o'clock · at one
2:00	it-tnejn	fit-tnejn	two o'clock · at two
3:00	it-tlieta	fit-tlieta	three o'clock · at three
4:00	l-erbgħa	fl-erbgħa	four o'clock · at four
5:00	il-ħamsa	fil-ħamsa	five o'clock · at five
6:00	is-sitta	fis-sitta	six o'clock · at six
7:00	is-sebgħa	fis-sebgħa	seven o'clock · at seven
8:00	it-tmienja	fit-tmienja	eight o'clock · at eight
9:00	id-disgħa	fid-disgħa	nine o'clock · at nine
10:00	l-għaxra	fl-għaxra	ten o'clock · at ten

Time	It is	At	Meaning
11:00	il-ħdax	fil-ħdax	eleven o'clock · at eleven
12:00	it-tnax	fit-tnax	twelve o'clock · at twelve

One o'clock is **is-siegħa**, not a number. Noon is **nofsinar** and midnight **nofsillejl**, both without the article: at noon is **f'nofsinar**. After a vowel the article loses its i, as always: **Issa d-disgħa**. It's nine now.

Minutes after the hour are added with **u**, and: **id-disgħa u kwart**, a quarter past nine, literally the nine and a quarter. Minutes before the hour are taken away with **nieqes**, less: **id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa**, five to nine, the nine less five. Half past is **u nofs**, and a half.

PAST AND TO: U AND NIEQES

Time	Maltese	Meaning
9:05	id-disgħa u ħamsa	five past nine
9:10	id-disgħa u għaxra	ten past nine
9:15	id-disgħa u kwart	a quarter past nine
9:20	id-disgħa u għoxrin	twenty past nine
9:30	id-disgħa u nofs	half past nine
8:40	id-disgħa nieqes għoxrin	twenty to nine
8:45	id-disgħa nieqes kwart	a quarter to nine
8:55	id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa	five to nine

The hour you count towards stays in front: 8:55 is still **id-disgħa**, with five missing.

TIP

From ... until is **minn ... sa**, and both join the article like **fi**: **mid-disgħa sal-ħamsa u nofs**, from nine until half past five. The part of the day comes after **ta'**: **is-sebgħa ta' filgħodu**, seven in the morning · **l-għaxra ta' bil-lejl**, ten at night. Offices and timetables also count to 24: **sittax**, sixteen, is four in the afternoon.

Ix-xogħol jibda fid-disgħa.

Work starts at nine.

Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa nieqes kwart.

I'm here at a quarter to nine.

Imma issa d-disgħa nieqes ħamsa!

But it's five to nine now!

Naħdmu mid-disgħa sal-ħamsa u nofs.

We work from nine until half past five.

Indoqq sas-siegħa ta' bil-lejl.

I play until one at night.

An ordinal is a number that says which one in a row: first, second, third. In Maltese it comes before the noun and carries the article, like the hours: **l-ewwel jum**, the first day · **it-tieni mistoqsija**, the second question. It never changes: **l-ewwel** is the same for a masculine noun, a feminine one or several, and the noun after it stays singular. On its own, it counts the points of a list, as Tonio does: **L-ewwel: ... It-tieni: ...**

COUNTING, AND FIRST, SECOND, THIRD

Number	Counting	Before a noun	Ordinal	Meaning
1	wieħed	paġna waħda	l-ewwel paġna	one page · the first page
2	tnejn	żewġ paġni	it-tieni paġna	two pages · the second page
3	tlieta	tliet paġni	it-tielet paġna	three pages · the third page
4	erbgħa	erba' paġni	ir-raba' paġna	four pages · the fourth page
5	ħamsa	ħames paġni	il-ħames paġna	five pages · the fifth page

Number	Counting	Before a noun	Ordinal	Meaning
6	sitta	sitt paġni	is-sitt paġna	six pages · the sixth page
7	sebgħa	seba' paġni	is-seba' paġna	seven pages · the seventh page
8	tmienja	tmien paġni	it-tmien paġna	eight pages · the eighth page
9	disgħa	disa' paġni	id-disa' paġna	nine pages · the ninth page
10	għaxra	għaxar paġni	l-għaxar paġna	ten pages · the tenth page

From the fifth on, the ordinal sounds just like the number before a noun; the article and the singular noun tell them apart: **seba' paġni**, seven pages, but **is-seba' paġna**, the seventh page. A house number is the plain number after the noun: **in-numru sebgħa**, number seven.

L-ewwel jum, u int diġà tard.

Your first day, and you're already late.

It-tieni mistoqsija: għandek aħwa?

Second question: do you have brothers and sisters?

Tonio, dan is-sitt kafè tiegħek!

Tonio, that's your sixth coffee!

Id-dar tagħna n-numru sebgħa.

Our house is number seven.

GRAMMAR**G1) FIND THE WORDS**

Underline the words that say at what time.

- 1 lx-xogħol jibda fid-disgħa, u jien inkun hawn
fid-disgħa nieqes kwart.

Meaning: Work starts at nine, and I'm here at a quarter to nine.

- 2 Indoqq fl-għaxra, u norqod fis-sebgħa ta'
filgħodu.

Meaning: I play at ten, and I go to sleep at seven in the morning.

- 3 Niftaħ fis-sitta u nofs, u Tonio jiġi fit-tmienja.

Meaning: I open at half past six, and Tonio comes at eight.

- 4 Ella tiġi fl-erbgħa, u nixorbu t-te fil-ħamsa.

Meaning: Ella comes at four, and we have tea at five.

- 5 Fit-tnejn immur għand Ġorġ, u fit-tlieta għand Lina.

Meaning: At two I go to Ġorġ's, and at three to Lina's.

- 6 Kafè fl-għaxra, kafè fil-ħdax, kafè fit-tnax...

Meaning: Coffee at ten, coffee at eleven, coffee at twelve...

- 7 Fit-tnax? Le, fis-siegħa!

Meaning: At twelve? No, at one!

G2) WHAT TIME IS IT?

Choose the time. Saying what time it is takes just the article.

- 1 X'hin hu? _____ nieqes ħamsa!

- ☐ A Id-disgħa
- ☐ B Fid-disgħa
- ☐ C Il-disgħa

Meaning: What time is it? Five to nine!

2 X'hin hu? _____ ta' filgħodu.

- ☐ A Is-sebgħa
- ☐ B Il-sebgħa
- ☐ C Fis-sebgħa

Meaning: What time is it? Seven in the morning.

3 X'hin hu? _____ u nofs? Mela bongu!

- ☐ A Fit-tnejn
- ☐ B Il-tnejn
- ☐ C It-tnejn

Meaning: What time is it? Half past two? Good morning, then!

4 Ġorġ! Issa _____ ta' bil-lejl!

- ☐ A l-għaxra
- ☐ B fl-għaxra
- ☐ C il-għaxra

Meaning: Ġorġ! It's ten at night now!

5 X'hin hu, nanna? _____? Jien bil-ġuħ!

- ☐ A Fit-tnax
- ☐ B Il-tnax
- ☐ C It-tnax

Meaning: What time is it, Grandma? Twelve? I'm hungry!

6 Kemm hu tard! _____ u nofs. Saħħa, sa għada!

- ☐ A Il-ħamsa
- ☐ B Il-ħames
- ☐ C Fil-ħamsa

Meaning: How late it is! Half past five. Bye, see you tomorrow!

7 Uff! _____ ta' bil-lejl, u Ġorġ għadu jdoqq!

- ☐ A Fis-siegħa
- ☐ B Il-siegħa
- ☐ C Is-siegħa

Meaning: Oh no! One in the morning, and Ġorġ is still playing!

8 X'hin hu? _____ u nofs. Il-kejk diġà fil-forn!

- ☐ A Fis-sitta
- ☐ B Is-sitt
- ☐ C Is-sitta

Meaning: What time is it? Half past six. The cake is already in the oven!

9 Lina, _____ nieqes kwart! Kafè malajr, jekk jogħġbok!

- ☐ A fit-tmienja
- ☐ B it-tmienja
- ☐ C it-tmien

Meaning: Lina, it's a quarter to eight! A quick coffee, please!

10 X'hin hu? _____. Issa t-tieni kafè.

- ☐ A H̄dax-il
- ☐ B Il-ħdax
- ☐ C Fil-ħdax

Meaning: What time is it? Eleven. Now my second coffee.

G3) AT ONE, AT TWO...

At what time? Put fi in front of the article.

1 Ix-xogħol jibda _____.

- ☐ A fil-disgħa
- ☐ B fid-disgħa
- ☐ C id-disgħa

Meaning: Work starts at nine.

2 Nixrob it-tieni kafè _____.

- ☐ A l-għaxra
- ☐ B fil-għaxra
- ☐ C fl-għaxra

Meaning: I have my second coffee at ten.

3 Il-kafetterija tiftaħ _____ u nofs.

- ☐ A fil-sitta
- ☐ B is-sitta
- ☐ C fis-sitta

Meaning: The café opens at half past six.

4 Jien norqod _____ ta' filgħodu.

- ☐ A fis-sebgħa
- ☐ B fil-sebgħa
- ☐ C is-sebgħa

Meaning: I go to sleep at seven in the morning.

5 Nieħu kafè _____, u mmur ix-xogħol.

- ☐ A fit-tmienja
- ☐ B fil-tmienja
- ☐ C it-tmienja

Meaning: I have a coffee at eight, and I go to work.

6 In-nanna tiekol _____.

- ☐ A fit-tnax
- ☐ B it-tnax
- ☐ C fil-tnax

Meaning: Grandma eats at twelve.

7 Indoqq it-trumbetta _____ ta' bil-lejl.

- ☐ A il-ħdax
- ☐ B fil-ħdax
- ☐ C fl-ħdax

Meaning: I play the trumpet at eleven at night.

8 Ella tiġi għand in-nanna _____.

- ☐ A fil-erbgħa
- ☐ B fl-erbgħa
- ☐ C l-erbgħa

Meaning: Ella comes to her grandmother's at four.

9 Jien nixrob it-te _____.

- ☐ A fil-ħamsa
- ☐ B fl-ħamsa
- ☐ C il-ħamsa

Meaning: I have my tea at five.

10 Jien immur norqod _____ ta' bil-lejl.

- ☐ A fis-siegħa
- ☐ B fil-siegħa
- ☐ C is-siegħa

Meaning: I go to bed at one at night.

G4) FIRST, SECOND, THIRD

Choose the ordinal.

1 Bonġu. _____ jum, u int diġà tard.

- ☐ A Il-wieħed
- ☐ B Wieħed
- ☐ C L-ewwel

Meaning: Good morning. Your first day, and you're already late.

2 _____ mistoqsija: għandek aħwa?

- ☐ A Żewġ
- ☐ B It-tieni
- ☐ C It-tnejn

Meaning: Second question: do you have brothers and sisters?

3 _____ mistoqsija: meta għeluq sninek?

- ☐ A It-tielet
- ☐ B It-tlieta
- ☐ C Tliet

Meaning: Third question: when is your birthday?

4 _____ mistoqsija: għandek qattus?

- ☐ A Erba'
- ☐ B Ir-raba'
- ☐ C L-erbgħa

Meaning: Fourth question: do you have a cat?

5 _____ mistoqsija: fejn taħdem?

- ☐ A Il-ħamsa
- ☐ B Ħames
- ☐ C Il-ħames

Meaning: Fifth question: where do you work?

6 Tonio, dan _____ kafè tiegħek!

- ☐ A is-sitt
- ☐ B is-sitta
- ☐ C sitt

Meaning: Tonio, that's your sixth coffee!

7 _____ paġna? U kollha dwar Ċikku?

- ☐ A Is-seba'
- ☐ B Seba'
- ☐ C Is-sebgħa

Meaning: The seventh page? And all of them about Ċikku?

8 Ġorġ, din _____ tazza te tiegħek!

- ☐ A it-tmien
- ☐ B tmien
- ☐ C it-tmienja

Meaning: Ġorġ, that's your eighth cup of tea!

9 _____ xemgħa... u l-għaxar xemgħa!

- ☐ A Id-disa'
- ☐ B Disa'
- ☐ C Id-disgħa

Meaning: The ninth candle... and the tenth candle!

10 Ċikku! Dik _____ xemgħa!

- ☐ A għaxar
- ☐ B l-għaxar
- ☐ C l-għaxra

Meaning: Ċikku! That's the tenth candle!

G5) X'ĦIN HU?

Answer the questions.

1 X'Ħin hu? (3:00)

- ☐ A It-tielet.
- ☐ B Fit-tlieta.
- ☐ C It-tlieta.

Meaning: What time is it? (3:00)

2 X'hin hu? (4:00)

- ☐ A L-erbgħa.
- ☐ B Ir-raba'.
- ☐ C Fl-erbgħa.

Meaning: What time is it? (4:00)

3 X'hin hu? (12:00)

- ☐ A Tnax-il.
- ☐ B Fit-tnax.
- ☐ C It-tnax.

Meaning: What time is it? (12:00)

4 X'hin hu? (9:30)

- ☐ A Id-disgħa u nofs.
- ☐ B Id-disgħa nieqes nofs.
- ☐ C Fid-disgħa u nofs.

Meaning: What time is it? (9:30)

5 X'hin hu? (8:45)

- ☐ A Id-disgħa nieqes kwart.
- ☐ B It-tmienja nieqes kwart.
- ☐ C Id-disgħa u kwart.

Meaning: What time is it? (8:45)

6 X'hin hu? (8:55)

- ☐ A It-tmienja nieqes ħamsa.
- ☐ B Id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa.
- ☐ C It-tmienja u ħamsa.

Meaning: What time is it? (8:55)

7 X'hin hu? (5:10)

- ☐ A L-għaxra u ħamsa.
- ☐ B Il-ħamsa u għaxra.
- ☐ C Il-ħamsa nieqes għaxra.

Meaning: What time is it? (5:10)

8 X'hin hu? (6:20)

- ☐ A Is-sitta u għoxrin.
- ☐ B Is-sitt u għoxrin.
- ☐ C Is-sitta nieqes għoxrin.

Meaning: What time is it? (6:20)

9 Meta tiġi Ella? (2:00)

- ☐ A Fit-tnejn.
- ☐ B It-tnejn.
- ☐ C Fit-tieni.

Meaning: When is Ella coming? (at 2:00)

10 Meta jorqod Ġorġ? (3:00, in the morning)

- ☐ A Fit-tlieta ta' filgħodu.
- ☐ B It-tlieta ta' filgħodu.
- ☐ C Fit-tielet ta' filgħodu.

Meaning: When does Ġorġ go to sleep? (at 3:00 in the morning)

G6) READ THE CLOCK

Match each time to the clock.

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| ① L-erbgħa nieqes għoxrin. | Ⓐ 7:00 in the morning |
| ② It-tlieta u għaxra. | Ⓑ 9:00 |
| ③ It-tnax u nofs. | Ⓒ 12:30 |
| ④ It-tmienja u kwart. | Ⓓ 8:15 |
| ⑤ Il-ħamsa u nofs. | Ⓔ 3:40 |
| ⑥ Is-sebgħa ta' filgħodu. | Ⓕ 5:30 |
| ⑦ Id-disgħa nieqes ħamsa. | Ⓖ 8:55 |
| ⑧ Id-disgħa. | Ⓗ 3:10 |

G7) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Put the words in order.

- 1 int u Id-disgħa diġà tard! nieqes ħamsa,

Meaning: Five to nine, and you're already late!

- 2 fil-forn. diġà nofs, Is-sitta l-kejk u u

Meaning: Half past six, and the cake is already in the oven.

- 3 u nofs, u It-tnejn għadu jorqod. Ġorġ

Meaning: Half past two, and Ġorġ is still asleep.

- 4 L-għaxra bil-lejl, idoqq! ta' Ġorġ u

Meaning: Ten at night, and Ġorġ is playing!

5 u bil-lejl, ta' jien Is-siegħa norqod. irrid

Meaning: One at night, and I want to sleep.

6 Il-ħdax: tiegħi. it-tieni kafè

Meaning: Eleven o'clock: my second coffee.

7 kafè? Le, Il-ħames Tonio!

Meaning: The fifth coffee? No, Tonio!

8 x'taħdem? Is-sitt mistoqsija:

Meaning: Sixth question: what's your job?

- 9 Ċikku! kollha u dwar Is-seba' paġna,

Meaning: The seventh page, and all of them about Ċikku!

- 10 xemgħa! u l-għaxar It-tmien, id-disa'

Meaning: The eighth, the ninth and the tenth candle!

G8) THE RIGHT WORDS

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 It's 8:55, and your new colleague says you're late. Tell him what time it is. You say:
- (A) Imma issa d-disgħa u ħamsa!
 - (B) Imma issa d-disgħa nieqes ħamsa!
 - (C) Imma issa fid-disgħa nieqes ħamsa!

2 Tonio tells you, proudly, when he gets to the office every day.**Tonio says:**

- ☐ A Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa nieqes kwart.
- ☐ B Jien inkun hawn id-disgħa nieqes kwart.
- ☐ C Jien inkun hawn fid-disgħa u kwart.

3 Ask Tonio until what time you work. You say:

- ☐ A Sa x'hin naħdmu?
- ☐ B Fejn naħdmu?
- ☐ C Għaliex naħdmu?

4 Say that today is your first day. You say:

- ☐ A Illum il-wieħed jum tiegħi.
- ☐ B Illum l-ewwel jum tiegħi.
- ☐ C Illum jum wieħed tiegħi.

5 Ella asks you her third question. Ella says:

- ☐ A It-tlieta mistoqsija: fejn taħdem?
- ☐ B Tliet mistoqsija: fejn taħdem?
- ☐ C It-tielet mistoqsija: fejn taħdem?

6 Ġorġ tells you when he goes to bed. Ġorġ says:

- ☐ (A) Immur norqod fis-seba' ta' filgħodu.
- ☐ (B) Immur norqod fis-sebgħa ta' filgħodu.
- ☐ (C) Immur norqod is-sebgħa ta' filgħodu.

7 Tonio thinks it's eight already. Your phone says seven. You say:

- ☐ (A) Mhux fit-tmienja, fis-sebgħa biss.
- ☐ (B) Mhux it-tmien, is-seba' biss.
- ☐ (C) Mhux it-tmienja, is-sebgħa biss.

8 Lina is pouring Tonio his fourth coffee. Tell her. You say:

- ☐ (A) Dan l-erbgħa kafè tiegħu!
- ☐ (B) Dan ir-raba' kafè tiegħu!
- ☐ (C) Dan erba' kafè tiegħu!