

## Text messages to a friend

Read a text conversation between two friends to practise and improve your reading skills.

## Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and do the exercises.

## Preparation task

Match the times (1–6) with the words (a–f).

## Times

1. .... 10.55
2. .... 11.40
3. .... 10.45
4. .... 11.50
5. .... 11.15
6. .... 11.30

## Words

- a. a quarter to eleven
- b. five to eleven
- c. a quarter past eleven
- d. eleven thirty
- e. twenty to twelve
- f. ten to twelve

## Reading text: Text messages to a friend

Hi Aziz! Are you there?

Hello? Hello?!?

Good. 😊

Would you like to meet for a coffee?

I'm working now, but I finish work at five. Maybe at 5.15?

OK. Where?

Hi! I'm here! I'm here.

What's up, Neira?

Yes! When?

That's difficult for me. Can we meet 30 minutes later?

The Blue Café is nice. I love the tea there. ♥

It's closed on Mondays. Let's go to Rocket Boy. It's new.

Is it good?

It's very good!

Where is it? I don't know it.

It's next to the school. See you there?

See you there at 5.45!

## Tasks

### Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. What does Neira want to do?
  - a. Go to a café
  - b. Go to a cinema
  - c. Go to a class
2. What time does Neira finish work?
  - a. Five o'clock
  - b. A quarter past five
  - c. A quarter to five
3. What time does Aziz want to meet?
  - a. Five o'clock
  - b. Five fifteen
  - c. Five forty-five
4. Why does Aziz like The Blue Café?
  - a. It's new.
  - b. It's got nice tea.
  - c. It's got nice coffee.

5. What is the problem with The Blue Café?
- It's closed on Mondays.
  - It hasn't got any tea.
  - There is no problem.
6. Where are they going to meet?
- The Blue Café
  - Rocket Boy
  - The school

## Task 2

Are the sentences true or false?

- Aziz writes to Neira first.
- Neira is at work.
- Neira can meet at 5.45.
- The Blue Café is closed on Mondays.
- Aziz knows Rocket Boy.
- They are going to meet at 6.15.

### Answer

- |      |       |
|------|-------|
| True | False |

## Discussion

Where do you meet your friends? What time do you usually meet?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. b
2. e
3. a
4. f
5. c
6. d

### Task 1

1. a
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. a
6. b

### Task 2

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. False