

# 2.2 Spending time

GOALS ■ Tell the time ■ Use the present simple negative

## Listening & Vocabulary telling the time

1a Work with a partner. Do you think sentences 1–3 are true (T) or false (F)?

- It takes about a year to learn to be an astronaut. T / F
- Some astronauts stay in space for over a year at a time. T / F
- Astronauts don't need perfect eyesight. T / F

b Turn to page 127 and check your answers.



2 2.7 ))) Sanaa Diya is a trainee astronaut at the European Astronaut Centre (EAC) in Cologne, Germany. Listen and answer the questions.

- What does she think about the training?
- What subjects does she learn?

3 2.7 ))) Listen again and match activities 1–6 in Sanaa's day to times a–f.

- She gets up
- She has breakfast in the canteen
- She goes to morning classes
- She stops for a break in the morning
- Classes finish in the evening
- She goes to sleep

- at quarter to eight.
- at ten to seven.
- at quarter to six.
- at five past ten.
- at quarter past eleven.
- at half past eight.

4a Work with a partner. Write the times under the clocks.



1 *It's three o'clock.*



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_



6 \_\_\_\_\_



7 \_\_\_\_\_



9 \_\_\_\_\_



10 \_\_\_\_\_



12 \_\_\_\_\_

b 2.8 ))) Listen, check and repeat.

### PRONUNCIATION saying the time

- When we say the time, we don't stress *past* or *to*, e.g. *twenty-five past three, ten to seven.*
- We don't pronounce the letter *l* in *half*, so we say /ha:f/.
- Quarter* begins with a /k/ sound, so we say /kwɔ:tə/.

5a 2.9 ))) Listen to the times. Circle the words you hear.

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 quarter / half past eight | 4 five / quarter to six        |
| 2 quarter to / past three   | 5 twenty to / past three       |
| 3 ten to / past ten         | 6 twenty / twenty-five to four |

b 2.9 ))) Listen again and repeat.

6 Work with a partner. Talk about what time you do these things or what time they happen where you live.

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • the sun rises in summer            | • you have lunch         |
| • you get up                         | • the shops close        |
| • the shops open                     | • public transport stops |
| • your favourite TV programme starts |                          |

*The sun rises at about half past six.*

*Shops like the baker's open early, at eight o'clock.*

## Reading & Grammar present simple negative

- 7 Work with a partner. What's different about life on earth and life in space? Use the ideas in the box.

daytime and night-time washing sleeping

- 8a Read the article about Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and life in space. Check your ideas in exercise 7.

### A perfect day

When Chris Hadfield goes into space, he doesn't have a lot of free time. He works twelve hours a day and also does two hours' exercise. Life in space is very different to life on earth. Astronauts don't have showers like people on earth do - they wash with a cloth. They don't sleep in a bed - they sleep in special sleeping bags on the walls. It is difficult to know the time because in space the sun doesn't rise once a day - it rises once every 45 minutes. It's hard work, but most astronauts love being in space. Chris says it is amazing and he doesn't want to sleep. For him, every day in space is a perfect day!



- b Underline the negative verb forms in exercise 8a, e.g. *doesn't have*, and complete the rules in the Grammar focus box.

#### GRAMMAR FOCUS present simple negative

To make the present simple negative, we use:

I/You/We/They + *do not* ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) + infinitive without *to*  
 He/She/It + *does not* ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) + infinitive without *to*

→ Grammar Reference page 139

- 9a Change these sentences from positive to negative. Use contractions.

- 1 They have a lot of free time.  
*They don't have a lot of free time.*
- 2 I go to classes in the evening.
- 3 Chris has a shower in the morning.
- 4 Sanaa sleeps in a sleeping bag.
- 5 They speak to their families every day.
- 6 He works eight hours a day.

- b 2.10 ))) Listen, check and repeat.

- 10a Work with a partner. Do you think these things usually happen or not in space?

- A *I don't think astronauts get sick on their first trip into space.*  
 B *Really? I disagree. I think they usually get sick.*

- 1 get sick on their first trip into space
- 2 wear special clothes in the space station
- 3 change their clothes every day
- 4 exercise a lot
- 5 go on a spacewalk every day
- 6 sleep a lot

- b 2.11 ))) Listen and check your ideas.

- 11a **TASK** Chris says every day in space is a perfect day for him. Describe a perfect day for you. Write down three things you do and three things you don't do.

*On a perfect day, I don't go to work. I have breakfast in bed at about half past nine - fresh fruit, coffee and a croissant - and I get up at ten o'clock.*

- b Compare your sentences with a partner. Is their perfect day similar or different to yours?

- c Work with a different partner. Tell them about your first partner's perfect day.

