

Topic: Time Frames

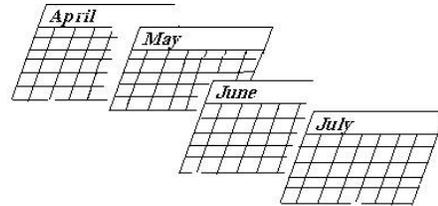
Let's get started . . . When you were a child, was it easy or hard to wait for something? What did you wait for?

Story:

It is early April. Meri and Molly are going to Disneyland with their parents in July. They can't wait to go! Meri and Molly talk about it every day and ask their parents - "When are we going to Disneyland?!"

Waiting is very hard! Three months is a **long time** for them to wait.

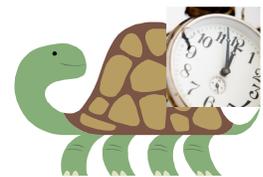
Meri and Molly talk to their friend, Tanya, about their plans to go to Disneyland. Tanya is happy for them. But, then she tells them that she is moving to New York in July. Meri and Molly say to Tanya, "We will miss you so much!" Three months is a **short time** for them to still see their friend.



What do you think? Is three months (3 months) a **short time** that goes by **quickly**? **Explain.**



Or is 3 months a **long time** that goes by **slowly**? **Explain.**



In pairs, talk about these sayings. What do they mean to you?

1. Time flies when you're having fun.
2. Time waits for no one.
3. Time is money.



Share with the larger group something you learned.

Interview 2 people about life situations. Write their names in the far left column, and then write how long they had to wait for something. Say, "How long did you wait?" and then ask them to explain.

Name	 For a visa	 For a spouse	 For kids	 For a job	 For a driver's license

Discussion Questions - talk in pairs or small groups about time frames - What is late? What is not late?

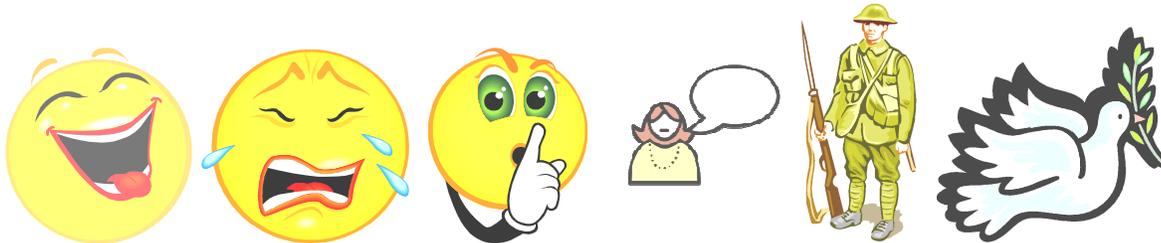
<p>In your native country, is it ok to be late fora party? work? school? a visit with a friend? dinner with your family? Give examples.</p>	<p>In the U.S., is it ok to be late fora party? work? school? a visit with a friend? dinner with your family? Give examples.</p>
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Do you wear a watch? Why or why not? If your watch breaks, how long do you wait to fix it?



In your family, who is on time and who is late? Give examples.

There is a **saying**: "To every thing there is a season, and a time; a time to cry and a time to laugh; a time to be quiet, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." Do you have a saying like this in your native culture? Do you agree that there is a time for all these things? Why or why not? Give examples.



Dialogue (Conversation) - Practice one of the conversations. Then, change the conversation. (What do you mean by "change the conversation"?) Practice in pairs and share your new conversation with the group.

Bill and Hong are waiting for the meeting to start. They arrived on time but other people are late. They are talking about how long to wait to start the meeting.

<i>Harder</i>	<i>Easier</i>
<p>Hong: I hope the meeting starts soon. I have a lot of work waiting for me at my desk. Bill: Me too. Where is everybody? Hong: Some people are always late. It makes me want to come late, because waiting here wastes my time! Bill: True. We're already 10 minutes late. Can we go ahead and start the meeting?</p>	<p>Hong: Will we start soon? I have a lot of work to do. Bill: Me too. Where is everybody? Hong: I don't know. I don't want to wait any more. Bill: We're 10 minutes late now. Let's start the meeting.</p>

New vocabulary: time frame (period of time), wait, "can't wait to go," "can hardly wait", having fun, situations, season, laugh, quiet, hate, meeting, "wastes my time", already, go ahead

Keep talking about it this week: Ask a coworker or friend: "Is it hard for you to wait for something? Give an example." Write down their answers and share at Talk Time next week.

More on waiting: read about it at <http://www.saidwhat.co.uk/keywordquotes/waiting>