Whole and Half Hours

In this lesson, the clock only has one hand - the HOUR hand.

The hour hand points to four - it is four hours, or “four o’clock.”

The hour hand points to eleven - it is eleven hours, or “eleven o’clock”.

The hour hand moves slowly around the clock face: from 1 to 2 to 3, and so on.

When the hour hand moves from 1 to 2, exactly one hour of time has passed.

The same is true when the hour hand moves from 2 to 3. It takes the hour-hand one hour to do that.

On this clock, the hour hand pointed to 5 when it was five o’clock.

Then it moved to halfway between 5 and 6. We say it is half past five.

It takes the hour hand one-half hour to move from five to halfway between five and six.

Here the hour hand has moved past eight o’clock, and is halfway between 8 and 9. We say it is half past eight.

In half an hour, it will be nine o’clock.
1. Write the time under each clock face.

   a. _____ o’clock  
   b. _____ o’clock  
   c. _____ o’clock  
   d. _____ o’clock

2. Draw the hour hand.

   a. Five o’clock  
   b. Eight o’clock  
   c. Twelve o’clock  
   d. Seven o’clock

3. Write the time.

   a. Half past _____  
   b. Half past _____  
   c. Half past _____  
   d. Half past _____

4. Draw the hour hand.

   a. Half past six  
   b. Half past three  
   c. Half past two  
   d. Half past four