



## Time

### EVERYDAY EVENT:

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events studies the word *time*. The word *time* is used quite often in a classroom to express a passage of time or to describe an event that reoccurs. In a classroom a teacher may ask students to complete a task in an allotted time. Students may also inquire about a field trip that will take place in a week.

The amount of time can be an interesting task for a word line. Student can explore the many words that are used to describe a short segment in time to words that are used to describe a long passage of time.

### EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word *time* can be used as a verb or noun. To *time* something is to see how long it takes for an event to occur. For example, the students were all *timed* to see how quickly they can run a lap.

The noun usage of the word *time* is the most common usage of the word. Since it is a common way to convey ideas or events to a person, there are many words to describe the idea of time. There are words that describe a specific time frame, such as a *day* or *year*. There are also words that describe an unspecific amount of time, such as *forever* or *generations*.

It should be noted that by adding the suffix *-ly*, some of the synonyms for *time* can be changed and used as an adverb to describe the frequency in which something occurs. For example, the word *weekly* describes an event that occurs every week. The suffix *-ly* can also be added to the word *time* to form the adverb *timely*.

### FOLLOW-UPS

- How many minutes are in a quarter of an hour?
- What famous speech begins as *Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal*.
- If an event happens *once in a blue moon*, how often does it occur?
- How many years is one term of presidency?

### THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

Time comes from an Old English word *tīma*. The Spanish word for *time* is *el tiempo*. *Time* and *el tiempo* are not cognates. But some of the synonyms for *time* do have Spanish cognates. A further study of words related to time reveals that the bulk of the technical or content specific words used to describe time come from the Greek word *khronos*. Words such as *synchronous* are derived from *khronos*. A *chronometer* is a technical term for a device that measures time, or a *watch*.

## **WORD CHANGES:**

### 1. Idioms:

- Tick tock
- Having the time of your life
- Once in a blue moon
- Time of day
- Against time
- At one time
- Behind the times
- For the time being
- From time to time
- High time
- In good time
- In no time
- In time
- On time
- Time after time
- Time and again
- Time on (one's) hands
- In the nick of time

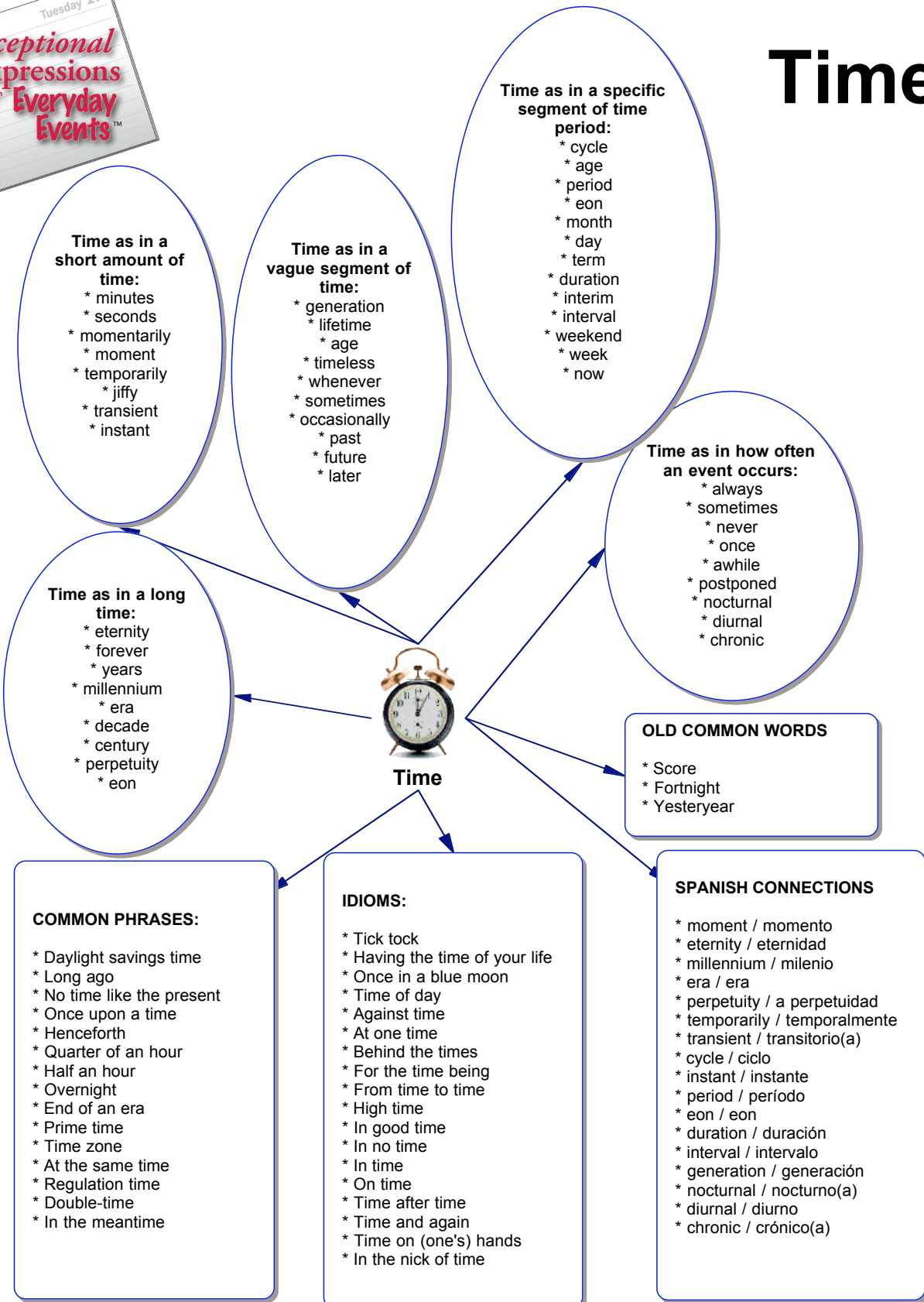
### 2. Common phrases:

- Daylight savings time
- Long ago
- No time like the present
- Once upon a time
- Henceforth
- Quarter of an hour
- Half an hour
- Overnight
- End of an era
- Prime time
- Time zone
- At the same time
- Regulation time
- Double-time
- In the meantime

### 3. Old common words:

- Score
- Fortnight
- Yesteryears

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