Periods of Time

Tracking Time
Words to Describe How to Track Time

Words To Describe the Speed & Rate of Time

Words to Describe Units of Time

Periods of Time
Words that Describe Phases of Time
* past / present / future
* ancient / recent

Words that Describe Seasons
* Autumn/Fall
* Spring
* Summer
* Winter

Words that Describe Time Tools
* watch
* clock
* date
* calendar
* schedule
* routine
Phases of Time

past
(past)
present
(pres·ent)
future
(fu·ture)
This plane was made with *recent* technology. It flies over pyramids, which were made with *ancient* technology.
seasons

spring
(spring)

summer
(sum·mer)

autumn/
fall
(au·tumn/fall)

winter
(win·ter)
watch
(watch)
clock
(clock)
A *calendar* lists the year, month, and day.

A *date* is a specific day of the month on a calendar.
A *schedule*, or *routine*, is a plan of when events will take place. This teacher wrote the day’s *schedule* on a white board.
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Speed & Rate
Words to Describe the Speed of Time

* automatically
* immediately / now
* quickly
* suddenly
* gradually

Words to Describe the Rate of Time

* constant
* sometimes
* seldom
* never
* always
* brief
* temporarily

Words to Describe the Speed & Rate of Time
automatically (au·to·mat·i·cal·ly)

The door opens automatically when you stand in front of it; you don’t have to push or pull it with your hand.
The food was ready *immediately* because it had already been cooked.
**quickly**

(*quick·ly*)

A cheetah moves *quickly* when chasing its prey.
sudden
(sud·den)

This man got caught in a *sudden* downpour of rain.
He got wet.
Many people have touched the dog over the years. So the dog *gradually* turned a different color.
constant
(con·stant) There is a constant flow of water over the falls.
sometimes  
(some·times)  

*Sometimes* she paints flowers; other times, she paints trees.
seldom
(sel·dom)  It *seldom* snows in parts of California.
It is sunny most of the year.
There will *never* be two people with the same fingerprint. Each person’s print is special to him or her.
always
(al·ways)

The moon is *always* in the sky.
This butterfly lives a *brief* amount of time—about six months.
temporarily (tem·po·ra·ri·ly) The water fountain was temporarily not working. The custodian soon fixed it.
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Units of Time
Words to Describe Time Within a Day
- dawn / sunrise
- morning / AM
- noon
- afternoon
- dusk / sunset
- evening / PM
- night

Words to Describe Time Within a Year
- day
- week
- month
- annual

Words to Describe Time Within an Hour
- moment
- second
- minute
- hour

Words to Describe Time Greater Than a Year
- decade
- century
- era

Units of Time
A *moment* is a very brief amount of time. You might be asked to hold a door for a moment.
The winning runner ran her race in less than 13 seconds!
The movie will be 120 minutes long. A *minute* is sixty seconds. There are sixty minutes in an hour.
They fished off the dock at *sunrise*. 
morning
(morn·ing)

A.M.
(A·M)

We make pancakes for breakfast in the morning. Another name for *morning* is *A.M.*
noon
(noon)

On a half day of school, the students get out at *noon.*
The father naps with his baby in the afternoons.
The sky was pink at dusk.
In the *evening*, I caught some fireflies. Another name for evening is *P.M.*
On a clear *night*, the stars shine brightly.
A *day* is 24 hours long. There are 365 days in the year. What day is your birthday?
A week is seven days long. There are 52 weeks in a year.
The year is divided into 12 months. We celebrate African Americans during Black History Month each February.
Pets should have annual checkups with a veterinarian.

The word *annual* means every year.
decade
(dec·a·de)

Disco dancing was most popular during the decade between 1960 and 1970.

A *decade* is a period of ten years.
A century is a period of 100 years. Machines made work quicker and cheaper during the 20th century.
An *era* is a major, or very long, period of time. The dinosaurs walked the earth during the Mesozoic Era.