

As long as you know your numbers, telling time in Chinese is easy. Here is a fun rhyme to help you learn. So, rhyme it, clap it, and rewrite it!

zǎo shàng shàng wǔ zhōng wǔ
早上，上午，中午，
xià wǔ wǎn shàng bàn yè
下午，晚上，半夜。



jīn tiān jǐ yuè jǐ hào jīn tiān xīng qī jǐ
今天几月几号? 今天星期几?

xué xiào jǐ diǎn fàng xué wǒ xiǎng wèn wèn nǐ
学校几点放学? 我想问问你。

jīn tiān sì yuè wǔ hào jīn tiān xīng qī yī
今天四月五号，今天星期一。

liǎng diǎn jiù fàng xué wǒ lái gào sù nǐ
两点就放学，我来告诉你。



xiàn zài jǐ diǎn le wǒ xiǎng wèn wèn nǐ
现在几点了? 我想问问你:

jǐ diǎn zuò zuò yè jǐ diǎn qù xiū xi
几点做作业? 几点去休息?

xiàn zài yī diǎn le wǒ lái gào sù nǐ
现在一点了，我来告诉你。

qī diǎn zuò zuò yè bàn yè cái qù xiū xi
七点做作业，半夜才去休息。



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Key words

1	上午	shàngwǔ	morning
2	中午	zhōngwǔ	noon
3	下午	xiàwǔ	afternoon
4	晚上	wǎnshàng	evening
5	半夜	bànyè	midnight
6	号	hào	date; number; size
7	点	diǎn	period of time; o'clock
8	放学	fàngxué	School is over.
9	就	jiù	just (indicate an action happened unusually early)
10	告诉	gàosù	to tell; to inform
11	作业	zuòyè	homework assignment
12	休息	xiūxi	to take a break; to rest
13	才	cái	not until (indicate an action happened unusually late)
14	小时	xiǎoshí	hour
15	刻	kè	quarter / 一刻 = 15 minutes 三刻 = 45 minutes
16	分	fēn	minute; points; to divide
17	半	bàn	half
18	差	chà	lack of; to fall short of
19	时间	shíjiān	time