

# L'heure officielle

Official time "formal language"

## Introduction

Il est trois heures et quart.

*It is a quarter past three p.m.*

Il est quinze heures quinze.

*It is three fifteen p.m.*

## Definition

In informal discussion, we use « current time »

To be more specific we use « official time » (formal language)

|       | heure officielle:<br><i>Time (in formal situation)</i>             | heure courante:<br><i>current time</i>                                 |
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| 15h00 | Il est quinze heures<br><i>It is three o'clock p.m.</i>            | Il est trois heures<br><i>It is three o'clock.</i>                     |
| 15h05 | Il est quinze heures cinq<br><i>It is three O-five p.m.</i>        |  |
| 15h10 | Il est quinze heures dix<br><i>It is three ten p.m.</i>            |  |
| 15h15 | Il est quinze heures quinze<br><i>It is three fifteen p.m.</i>     | Il est trois heures et quart<br><i>It is a quarter past three p.m.</i> |
| 15h20 | Il est quinze heures vingt<br><i>It is three twenty p.m.</i>       |  |
| 15h25 | Il est quinze heures vingt cinq<br><i>It is three twenty-five.</i> |  |
| 15h30 | Il est quinze heures trente  | Il est trois heures et demie   |

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|       | <i>It is three thirty p.m.</i>  | <i>It is half past three p.m.</i>   |
| 15h35 | Il est quinze heures trente cinq<br><i>It is three thirty-five p.m.</i>   |   |
| 15h40 | Il est quinze heures quarante<br><i>It is three forty p.m.</i>            |   |
| 15h45 | Il est quinze heures quarante-cinq<br><i>It is three forty-five p.m.</i>  | Il est quatre heures moins le quart<br><i>It is a quarter to three p.m.</i> |
| 15h50 | Il est quinze heures cinquante<br><i>It is three fifty p.m.</i>           |   |
| 15h55 | Il est quinze heures cinquante cinq<br><i>It is three fifty-five p.m.</i> |   |
| 16h00 | Il est seize heures<br><i>It is four p.m.</i>                             |   |



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