

Solving Time Problems with a Number Line

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When you look at an analog clock, you can see the measuring lines around the circle as a circular number line...

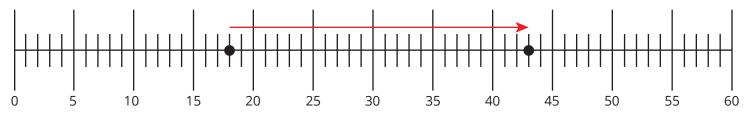
...that can be made straight into a number line tool to help you solve time problems for periods within an hour.

For example:

What time would it be if you were to have a snack in 25 minutes and the time is 2:18?

- **Step 1)** Locate 18 on the number line as the starting point.
- **Step 2)** A future time would be ahead of you, so you count 25 units forward...
- Step 3) At 18 minutes, adding 25 minutes is 43 minutes, so your snack would be 2:43!

Move forward 25 minutes from 18 to arrive at 43!



Directions: Use the number line to solve the following exercises.

- 1. Jenny leaves for dinner at 6:25. If she arrives at 6:55, how many minutes did it take Jenny to get there?
- 2. It takes Johanna 38 minutes to ride her motorcycle to the bookstore. If she left at 2:15, what time would it be when she arrives?_____
- 3. Blythe's singing rehearsal is at 3:30. How many minutes does she have to get there on time if she leaves at 3:07?
- 4. Ivan works out at 2:05 each day, but takes a break after 45 minutes. If he takes a break 20 minutes earlier than normal, what time will Ivan take a break?_____
- 5. Andrea always finishes her 20 minute shower at 3:33. What time does her shower begin?

Think About It:

When measuring time, when is part of a whole not a part of a whole?