

Key Vocabulary

les jours et l'heure — days and time

The seven days (lowercase, no article)

lundi	Monday
mardi	Tuesday
mercredi	Wednesday
jeudi	Thursday
vendredi	Friday
samedi	Saturday
dimanche	Sunday

Useful day phrases

lundi matin	Monday morning
mercredi soir	Wednesday evening
vendredi après-midi	Friday afternoon
le lundi (= every Monday)	watch that little le

Asking the date

C'est quel jour aujourd'hui ?	What day is it today?
On est quel jour ?	What day are we? (casual)
Aujourd'hui, c'est samedi.	Today is Saturday.
Nous sommes le samedi dix-sept octobre.	Saturday, October 17th.

Asking the time

Quelle heure est-il ?	What time is it?
Il est quelle heure ?	What time is it? (casual)
Il est deux heures.	It is two o'clock.
Il est une heure.	It is one o'clock (une!)
Il est midi. / Il est minuit.	Noon. / Midnight.
Il est huit heures et demie.	Half past eight.
Il est neuf heures et quart.	Quarter past nine.
Il est dix heures moins le quart.	Quarter to ten.

Say It Better

the three traps English speakers fall into

Trap 1 — half past is **ET DEMIE**, never **ET DEMI**

Don't say: il est huit heures et demi

Say: Il est huit heures et demie. (demie agrees with heure — feminine)

Trap 2 — **MOINS LE QUART** names the hour that is **COMING**

Il est dix heures moins le quart = nine forty-five, not ten forty-five.

Think: ten, minus a quarter.

Trap 3 — **MIDI** and **MINUIT** never take **HEURES**

Don't say: il est midi heures

Say: Il est midi. / Il est minuit.

Day rules

- Days are lowercase: lundi, not Lundi.
- No article for one day: je travaille lundi.
- Le + day means every: je travaille le lundi (every Monday).
- The French week starts on Monday, not Sunday.

Practice Time

say every answer out loud — your mouth learns first

A. The week, in order

- Write the seven days from memory: ____

B. English → French

- Wednesday evening → ____
- Saturday night → ____
- every Tuesday → ____
- What day is it today? → ____
- at what time do you wake up? → ____

C. What time is it?

- half past eight → ____
- quarter past nine → ____
- quarter to ten → ____
- seven in the morning → ____
- three in the afternoon → ____

D. Fix the mistake

- il est huit heures et demi. → ____
- il est midi heures. → ____
- Lundi (capitalized mid-sentence) → ____
- je veux savoir le temps (wrong question) → ____

E. Your week

- Say Leo's full weekly schedule out loud, in French.
- Now build your own week: one sentence per day.
- Ask for the time once today, in French.

Answer Key

check yourself — no peeking first

A. The week

- lundi, mardi, mercredi, jeudi, vendredi, samedi, dimanche

B. English → French

- mercredi soir
- samedi soir
- le mardi
- C'est quel jour aujourd'hui ?
- À quelle heure tu te lèves ?

C. What time is it?

- Il est huit heures et demie.
- Il est neuf heures et quart.
- Il est dix heures moins le quart.
- Il est sept heures du matin.
- Il est trois heures de l'après-midi.

D. Fix the mistake

- Il est huit heures et demie.
- Il est midi.
- lundi (lowercase)
- Quelle heure est-il ?

E. Your week

- Lundi, je travaille à neuf heures. ... Dimanche, je me repose.

**Well done. The week is yours,
and you can tell the time.**

Polyglot House

Next episode: the family — everyone around your table.