**Time - Stories & Illustrations**

**Average American gets a new wristwatch every four years. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**My husband joined me for a week during my month-long visit to the beautiful Hawaiian island of Kauai. As we walked the beach, I explained that the locals have a casual attitude about time -- they never rely on a watch or clock. Just then, a young man ran up to us and excitedly asked for the time. My husband gave me a smug look as he glanced at his watch and reported the hour. But it was my turn to look smug when the confused young man exclaimed, “No, I mean is it Friday, Saturday or Sunday?” *(Kamala Silva, in Reader's Digest)***

**A clock that gave you three guesses: A one-hand clock invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1770, was not marketed until 200 years later. The hand reads either 3:35, 7:35 or 11:35, but Franklin figured anyone would know about what hour of the day it was. *(Ripley's Believe it or Not!: Weird Inventions and Discoveries, p. 40)*  
Clocks run clockwise because they follow the sundial pattern, with its clockwise shadow. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Surely you're aware there are 7.019230769 days in a week. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Time has no divisions to mark its passage; there is never a thunderstorm to announce the beginning of a new year. It is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols. *(Thomas Mann, in The Magic Mountain)***

**Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein. *(H. Jackson Brown)***

**Among the lesser known quirks is the dread of knowing what time it is. A few people live with it. They won't wear wristwatches and don't like clocks. They're called chronophobics. *(L. M. Boyd)*  
The Mayan calendar indicates that the end of time is coming -- 10 years from now. The Long Count, the 5,200-year cycle calculated by the Maya, comes to a close on the winter solstice in 2012. Many New-Agers flocked to a Mayan site in Palenque, Mexico, on this year's solstice to mark the occasion. Ten years from now is probably not the end of the world. But it might be, says, Jose Arguelles, president of the Foundation for the Law of Time. The Mayan calendar is a 13-month, 28-day calendar, based on the moon. It is still accurate to within about three seconds -- closer to the mark than the Gregorian calendar. *(Associated Press, as appeared in Rocky Mountain News, December 23, 2002)***

**When six famous events happened (local times):  
Columbus left on first voyage -- 8 a.m.  
Wright brothers' first flight -- 10:30 a.m.  
Jimi Hendrix's national anthem performance at Woodstock -- 7:30 a.m.  
Edmund Hillary summited Mount Everest -- 11:30 a.m.  
Jesse James shot -- 8:30 a.m.  
Columbus first spotted land -- 2 a.m. *(World Features Syndicate)***

**You can tell what time it is merely by looking at a flower. Many flowers open at different times of the day. Morning glories open between 5 and 6 a.m.; daisies between 8 and 9, and tulips between 10 and 11. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It's a Weird World, p. 70)***

**Greek philosopher Heraclitus compared time to flowing water and wrote: "You cannot step twice into the same river." *(L. M. Boyd)***

**The fish swimming around in the bowl says: “What's on my list today? 1. Swim ‘counter' clockwise. It must be Wednesday.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**Read this twice, if necessary: 65 percent of all people who've ever lived beyond age 65 are alive today. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**One kind of machine has been built more than all other kinds put together. Can you name it? It's the timepiece, claim folks who know such things. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Some chronobiologists believe that body temperature and metabolic rates affect an individual's perception of time. For example, children usually have lower body temperatures, so for them time moves slowly. This might explain what is behind the dreaded refrain “Are we there yet?” Older people have higher body temperatures and perceive time as moving quickly, hence for them “It seems like just yesterday.” *(James B. Ciulla, in The Working Life: Its Promise, Betrayal and Meaning)***

**On a drive in the country, a city slicker noticed a farmer lifting one of his pigs up to an apple tree and holding the pig there as it ate one apple after another. The farmer repeated this with a second, then a third pig. “Maybe I don't know what I'm talking about,” said the city slicker, “but if you just shook the tree so the apples fell to the ground, wouldn't it save a lot of time?” “Time?” said the farmer. “What does time matter to a pig?” *(Dave Steinhart, in Reader's Digest)***

**Explaining the concept of relativity: “When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That’s relativity.” *(Albert Einstein)***

**On November 18, 1883, Americans began to reset their clocks – to Standard Time. The myriad local times observed across the country had become impractical as expanding railways sped more and more travelers hither and yon. To reduce confusion, four time zones, each an hour apart, were adopted. Daylight Saving Time came along in 1918. *(Alison McLean, in Smithsonian magazine)***

**If the Romans had been obliged to learn Latin, they would never have found time to conquer the world. *(Heinrich Heine)***

**Police say traffic accidents go up about 10 percent during the first week we turn our clocks ahead -- spring forward. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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