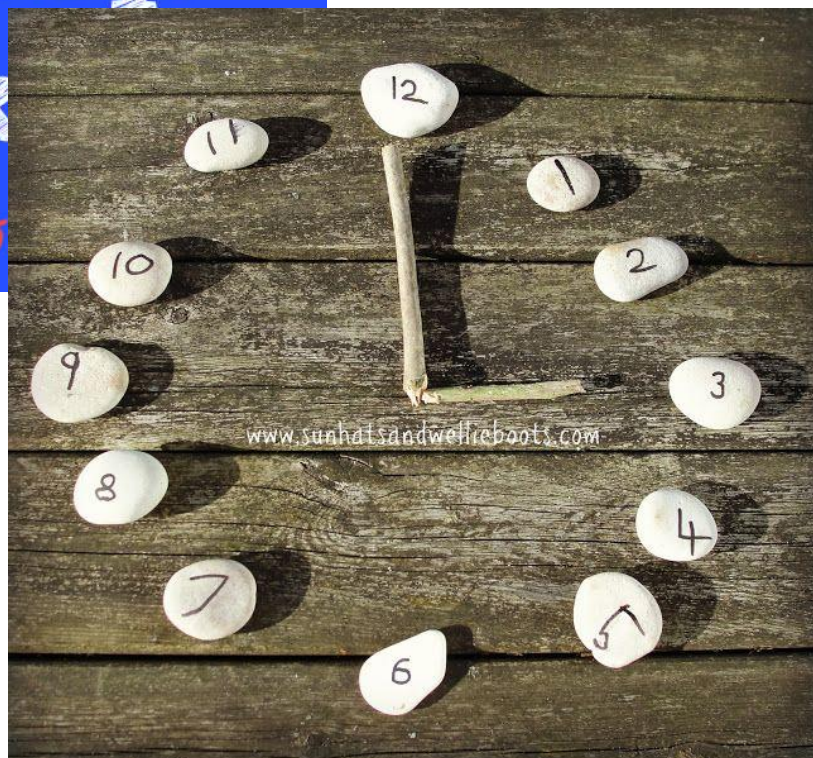


Try to make an outdoor clock like one of these. Be as creative as you can. Test someone else in your house to see if they can tell the time and then swap places.

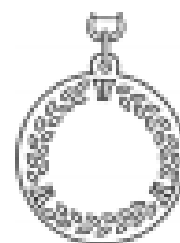


Hula Hoop Clock

Take math outside



I Challenge You



Amazing Fact

In the 1972 Olympic women's pentathlon, silver medallist Heide Rosendahl broke the world record but held it for just 1.12 seconds. The gold medallist Mary Peters then bettered her by 10 points in the 200m and because Mary Peters had scored more points in other events, her eventual total was higher.

Challenge

Ask your partner to time you and see how many times you can do the following activities in 1 minute. Can your partner beat you?

Activity in 1 minute	Me	Partner
Number of times I can write my name.		
The highest number I can write to, from zero.		
Number of times I can touch my toes.		
Own idea:		

You could also try to find out:

- which other records have been held for short amounts of time;
- which athletic record has been held for the longest;
- if there any records which may never be beaten.

The Monkey and her Baby

One day the king of the gods decided to find out which of the animals had the most beautiful baby. So he asked every kind of animal to come and show him their baby. He said he would give the animal with the most beautiful baby a big prize.

All the animals said they would come, for they all wanted to win the prize for having the most beautiful baby.

The animals came in a long line, each with a baby to show the king. There was a cow and her calf, a dog and her puppy, a cat and her kitten, a sheep with her little lamb, a lion and her cub, a goat and her kid - in fact all the animals you can think of, with their babies.

They all passed in front of the king. He looked carefully at each baby to see which was the most beautiful. All the animals wondered which baby the king would choose to win the prize.

Having seen all the animals in the big parade, the king of the gods was just about to say who the winner was when a monkey came running in carrying her baby. She thrust her baby into the king's arms.

The king stared down at the little creature with its wrinkled face and screwed-up eyes. 'What ever is this?' asked the king.

The king thought it was the ugliest thing he had ever seen. He held the baby well away from himself and stared at it. 'Take it away!' he said. 'It is the ugliest baby I have ever seen!'

All the other animals began to laugh.

The mother monkey took her baby and cuddled it in her arms. 'I don't care what you say,' she said. 'You can give the prize to whoever you like. I know that my baby is the most beautiful baby of all!'

Monkeys, like all mothers, think that their own child is the best.

(African folktale)

The Monkey and her Baby: discussion plans

Thinking about the story

Key question: What does the story mean?

- 1 Why did the animals come to see the king of the gods?
- 2 What animals came to see the king?
- 3 Which is your favourite baby animal? Why is it your favourite?
- 4 Which animal was the last to come in?
- 5 What did the king think of the baby monkey?
- 6 Why did he think this? Do you agree?
- 7 What did the mother monkey think of her baby?
- 8 Why did she think this?
- 9 Do you think all mothers their babies are the best? Why is this?
- 10 Do you think babies are beautiful? Can you say why?

Thinking about beauty

Key question: What is beautiful?

- 1 What do we mean when we say something is beautiful?
- 2 Can you think of something that is beautiful to look at?
- 3 What (or what else) is something beautiful to look at? Why is it beautiful?
- 4 Does everyone agree about what things are beautiful? Why?
- 5 Can things you hear be beautiful? Can you give an example?
- 6 Can a smell be beautiful? What smells are beautiful?
- 7 Can something be a beautiful taste? What do you think tastes beautiful?
- 8 Can something be beautiful to touch? What is beautiful to touch?
- 9 Do you ever have a beautiful feeling?
- 10 What is a beautiful person? Do you know someone who is beautiful?

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If you could only have one of these, what would you choose?

intelligence

beauty

Why?

6

Would you rather be the size of an acorn, or as big as a large tree?

Why?

10

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a chair made out of chocolate?



12

How would you describe a cat to an alien?



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What would happen if it rained sweets?

Why?

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If you were a superhero what power would you have and what would your name be?

Why?