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# CHARACTER QUALITY: **Punctuality**

**DEFINING THE QUALITY:** Demonstrating **PUNCTUALITY**— defined as being “ON TIME”—is a very important character quality. It shows others that you respect their time and their expectations of you. Soon after meeting you, people can tell if this is part of YOUR character or not. If you regularly display the opposite quality, **TARDINESS**, it means you have a low regard for other people’s feelings or their schedules. This quality is a way of showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time.

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. . . Quality Think/Quick Write . . .



**DESCRIBE WHEN YOU ARE VERY, VERY CAREFUL ABOUT BEING PUNCTUAL:**

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**EXPLAIN A TIME WHEN YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WAS TARDY AND IT WAS A PROBLEM :**

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**CHARACTER QUALITY: Punctuality**Describe your **DAILY SCHEDULE** during the week:**6:00** \_\_\_\_\_**7:00** \_\_\_\_\_**8:00** \_\_\_\_\_**9:00** \_\_\_\_\_**10:00** \_\_\_\_\_**11:00** \_\_\_\_\_**NOON** \_\_\_\_\_**1:00** \_\_\_\_\_**2:00** \_\_\_\_\_**3:00** \_\_\_\_\_**4:00** \_\_\_\_\_**5:00** \_\_\_\_\_**6:00** \_\_\_\_\_**7:00** \_\_\_\_\_**8:00** \_\_\_\_\_**9:00** \_\_\_\_\_

On the back, write for which of these activities it is easy to be punctual and why.  
For which of these times is it hard to be punctual? Why do you think that is?




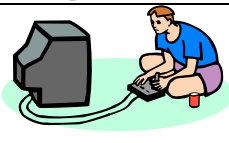
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We all face challenges of being on time. One of the biggest obstacles to being punctual is the trap of . . . **“JUST ONE MORE . . .”**



Check below which ones have caught you.

✓	<b>Just one more . . .</b>	
		. . . time on the snooze alarm?
		. . . time around the block?
		. . . page of this good book?
		. . . level on this computer game?

**MORE TO DO:** Recall an example of how “just one more” of something caused you, or someone you know, to be tardy. Share it in writing or draw a picture on the back of this paper.

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One of the “**I WILL**” statements for this character trait is “I will prepare for unexpected delays.” Think to yourself right now “Hmm . . . what kind of delays might happen in my life?” Check, in the two following situations, which student observed the “I will” statement for PUNCTUALITY. Draw a COMPARE/CONTRAST picture to illustrate the difference. (Just make it a little pencil drawing that fits in the boxes beneath the stories.)

**1. On Monday the teacher gave the class a book report assignment due at the end of the week.**

**I waited until Thursday to work on it, but then we had to make an emergency trip to the hospital to visit my grandmother. Yikes! I had nothing to turn in on Friday. My teacher said he was sorry about my grandmother, but asked me why I had nothing to show on the due date.**

**I started my project that very night. I had everything written by Thursday except my conclusion. Mom told me Grandma had to go to the hospital while I was at school, so we had to visit her Thursday evening. I woke up early Friday morning and quickly finished writing my report before school.**

PUNCTUAL RESPONSE	UNPREPARED and TARDY

**2. My friend's parents had invited me to go to the swimming pool in her aunt's neighborhood. They had an extra pool pass and said to be at their house by 1:00 p.m. to ride with them.**

**It was a 10 minute bike ride to my friend's house, but I decided I better leave at 12:30 to be on time. Good thing I did. My bike had a flat tire and so I had to walk over which took double the time. My friend's family was happy to see me arrive a little before 1 o'clock. The little baby even giggled when he saw me.**

**It was a 10 minute bike ride to my friend's house, so I decided to leave at 12:50 to be on time. That was a mistake. My bike had a flat tire and so I had to walk over, which took double the time. Her mom and the entire family were already in the car waiting for me . . . the baby was crying, it was hot, no one was feeling comfortable because of my lateness. They were just getting ready to leave without me.**

<b>PUNCTUAL RESPONSE</b>	<b>UNPREPARED and TARDY</b>

**If you have time, get a piece of plain paper and fold it in half. Draw and write your own story possibilities showing a situation two ways: one way shows where someone was prepared for a delay and the other shows someone was not.**

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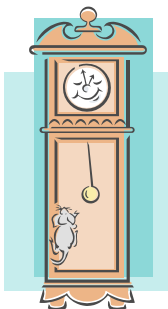
## Match them up! SIGNS OF THE TIME . . .



- Time flies when you're having fun!!



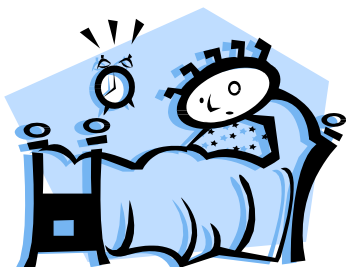
- CUCKOO! CUCKOO!



- Happy New Year!!



- Rise and Shine!



- Hickory Dickory Dock – TICK! TOCK!  
The mouse ran up the clock – TICK! TOCK!  
The clock struck one – BONG!  
And down he ran – Wheeee!  
Hickory Dickory Dock! – TICK! TOCK!